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## Cactus Cafe resolution hits snow drift

**Icy road conditions force Student Government meeting to be postponed**

By Rachel Burkhart  
Daily Texan Staff

A Student Government resolution in support of preserving the Cactus Cafe hit a roadblock Tuesday after snow and icy road conditions led to the postponement of a meeting where SG members would have voted on the measure.

The resolution would endorse a position similar to the one tak-

en by Student Friends of the Cactus Cafe. It had been fast-tracked so that student representatives could give their input on the resolution before it was presented to the Texas Union Board's executive meeting Friday. The board is expected to make its final recommendation to University management regarding the future of the Cactus Cafe following Friday's meeting.

Last week, the organization rejected the Student Event Center's proposal to create a student committee responsible for the cafe's management. The organization

submitted an alternative plan to the Union Board. This proposal would establish a student internship program at the cafe and foster partnerships with students and faculty from the McCombs School of Business, the College of Communication and the Butler School of Music.

Last fall, University management asked the Union Board to find a way to accommodate a two-year merit pay plan for Union staff members. In order to save the necessary \$122,000, the Union Board voted Jan. 29 to phase out its informal class-

es program and repurpose the 31-year-old Cactus Cafe. The plan drew criticism from UT students, faculty, local musicians and community patrons of the cafe.

Danielle Brown, a psychology senior and SG's communications director, said the meeting was canceled because some representatives have to commute to campus, and the Cactus Cafe resolution was not discussed when the decision to postpone the meeting was made.

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Mary Kang | Daily Texan file photo

Patrons drink beer at the Cactus Cafe, located in the Texas Union. Student Government representatives prepared a resolution to preserve the cafe, which is scheduled to close in August.

## SG campaign puts priority on diversity

*Editors note: This is the second in a four-part series of profiles featuring the four Student Government executive alliances. SG elections begin Tuesday, March 2 and end Wednesday, March 3.*

By Audrey White  
Daily Texan Staff

Student Government presidential candidate Scott Parks is a business honors student who grew up listening to the Eagles, and his running mate, Muneezeh Kabir, is passionate about "The Vagina Monologues" and sheepishly admits a love for Lil Wayne. It may come as no surprise that the executive alliance is running a campaign based on diverse interests.

"You've got a business student in a time of budget cuts, and you've got a social justice advocate when students need to be spoken for," said Kabir, a student assistant in the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement. "It's as simple as that."

The two came to SG through nontraditional avenues. Kabir said she was interested in working with the Women's Resource Agency before she found out it was part of SG. She was appointed as its director for two years and now works on the President's Student Advisory Committee, where

she has continued to work on social justice issues such as increased resources for student parents.

Parks learned about SG when members came to speak at Undergraduate Business Council meetings and he said he saw it as an avenue to make change for students. He was elected as a business representative in the 2008 election and was appointed to the executive board as external finance director for the 2009-10 term, which he said gives him important insight into both sides of SG.

"They came to give reports [at business council meetings], and I thought, 'That's where the movers and shakers are,'" Parks said. "However inefficient it is, that's the voice for students, and it should be fixed so it can do great things for them." That's why I decided to get involved."

Their Web site offers a platform focused on environmental sustainability, academic affordability and a more transparent and inclusive SG. They said their goals are a combination of their own hopes for UT as well as the input of hundreds of students from different campus organizations.

"We're reaching out to

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Amanda Martin | Daily Texan Staff

Scott Parks and Muneezeh Kabir, candidates for Student Government president and vice president, strive to focus their campaign on diverse interests.

## A RARE TASTE OF WINTER



Rene Huynh | Daily Texan Staff

Plan II freshmen Aneesa Needel, Dana Reichman and Risha Bhattacharjee frolic in the falling snow in front of Carothers Dormitory on Tuesday afternoon. These friends were among many students seen around campus enjoying Austin's uncommon snow day.

**INSIDE:** More snow day photos [on page 5B](#)

## Tier-one hopefuls on a 'recruiting rampage'

By Alex Geiser  
Daily Texan Staff

Although a proposition that passed last year gave four University of Texas campuses state funding to obtain top-tier status, they still need to recruit top faculty and students from across the state to achieve the ranking.

Proposition 4, which Texas voters passed last year, allotted existing higher education funds to seven public universities that were identified as emerging research universities in the state. The funds will allow the schools to advance and eventually attain tier-one status as nationally competitive research universities.

Tier-one status is determined by how much money a university spends on research annually, the number of doctorate degrees it produces and other measures of quality, including faculty and student achievement. While California has nine tier-one schools and New York has seven, Tex-

as has three — UT-Austin, A&M and Rice.

UT-San Antonio, UT-Arlington, UT-El Paso and UT-Dallas are among the seven emerging research universities in the state, along with the University of North Texas, Texas Tech University and the University of Houston.

Nationally competitive research universities are typically marked by top-tier faculty and academically exceptional students. As the UT campuses work to raise their national status, they have been actively recruiting faculty from both inside the state and across the U.S., especially California, according to university officials.

Through personal connections

between college deans and other universities, the UT campuses working toward tier-one status have started approaching qualified professors at national conferences and by telephone with better offers, UT-Dallas President

*"We are on a nationwide recruiting rampage."*

— **David Daniel**  
UT-Dallas president

David Daniel said. As California faces a multibillion-dollar budget shortfall, tuition at its state universities continues to increase and more faculty are threatened with losing their tenure.

"They are experiencing financial difficulty, and Texas looks pretty good right now," Daniel said. "We are on a nationwide recruiting rampage."

State Sen. Judith Zaffirini, who sponsored the bill, said creating more nationally recognized universities would relieve pressure

on admissions at UT-Austin rather than adversely affecting the University.

"We all made it very clear that the development should not come at the expense of UT-Austin or A&M," Zaffirini said.

The majority of the University's freshman class has been primarily composed of students who qualify under the top 10 percent rule, which guarantees high school students who graduate in the top 10 percent of their class a spot in any of the state's public universities. UT-Austin President William Powers Jr. advocated a cap on the number of students admitted by the rule because of how many University applicants were being turned away.

In 2009, the state Legislature passed a bill limiting the number of entering freshmen at UT-Austin that stipulates that beginning in 2011, the University will admit

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## UT System schools submit trimmed-down budgets in wake of sales-tax shortfall

**Universities plan to cut costs by reducing travel, placing freeze on hires**

By Shabab Siddiqui  
Daily Texan Staff

As UT continues to find ways to trim budgetary fat without cutting into the bone, the other schools in the UT System are following suit.

On Jan. 15, a letter signed by Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and Texas Speaker of the House Joe Straus asked

all state agencies, including the UT System, to prepare a prioritized plan to cut 5 percent of their budgets containing state revenue. The letter, which asked agencies to submit their plans to the Legislative Budget Board on Feb. 16, came as a result of lower-than-anticipated sales-tax revenues from the holiday season.

At UT-Austin, state general revenue makes up about 30 percent of the University's academic core budget. The academic core budget primarily covers faculty and staff salaries but also

includes scholarships, utilities, maintenance and operation. The University received \$333 million in recurring state general revenue this school year and expects to receive a 1-percent increase for each of the next two years.

The total plan amounts to a \$175.3 million budget reduction across the UT System's nine universities and six health institutions.

If the cuts are implemented, UT will have to contribute the largest share among the universities at \$29 million.

UT-San Antonio follows with cuts of up to \$9.8 million. UT-SA's plan identifies forgoing merit increases for faculty in both 2010 and 2011 as its largest possible savings. The university would also try to avoid hiring staff members that are not absolutely necessary for it to function.

UTSA spokeswoman Marianne Lewis said the university would not need to make staff cuts to meet its quota.

Lewis said UTSA has also reduced its traveling budget by

utilizing Webinars and video conferences as a way of avoiding extra expenses.

"We are always looking for ways to save money," she said. "We have been using that type of professional development versus being away from the office and traveling to cut back considerably."

UT-El Paso was asked to find a little more than \$8 million for its budget reduction plan. Cynthia Villa, vice president for business affairs at UTEP, said university officials had been preparing for

a possible state budget shortfall for a while.

"We really had not put into place any cuts [before Gov. Perry's letter], but we've been managing the budget very conservatively because we had a sense this might be coming," Villa said.

Most of UTEP's savings will come from staff hiring freezes and from deferring capital improvement. Villa said the university had saved money for

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NEWS BRIEFLY

Physics teachers' board names UT professor as vice president

A UT College of Education professor was appointed vice president of the American Association of Physics Teachers Executive Board.

Jill Marshall, an associate professor from the Department of Curriculum and Instruction in the College of Education, was elected last fall and officially took office last week.

The board is an 80-year-old institution that aims to enhance the understanding of physics across the world through its resources, teaching strategies and techniques.

"[Marshall] has a fairly long history of involvement in the organization and has been extremely active in educational issues related to physics," board spokeswoman Marilyn Gardner said. "She will be involved in the presidential chain until 2014."

This means in 2010, Marshall will serve as the vice president of the board, in 2011 she will be the president-elect [and] the next year she will serve as president. In 2013 she will be the past president. These are all different positions on the Executive Board, Gardner said.

Marshall is a tenured faculty member who has been with the Department of Curriculum and Instruction for the past seven years, department executive assistant James Maxwell said.

"When you talk to her, it comes across how well-prepared she is to take on a leadership role because she has a background in science as well as teaching," said Norma Cantu, a professor in the College of Education and Marshall's colleague. "She's one of the treasures that we have in UT, and it's just such a well-deserved honor for her to serve on that board."

—Madeeha Khurshed

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only 75 percent of the top 10 percent.

Zaffirini said that without the cap, all of the students at UT-Austin would be top 10 percent graduates. While this will relieve some pressure at admissions, she said the presence of more top-tier universities will help even more by giving Texas students more options.

Richard Reddick, an assistant professor in the Department of Educational Administration, said the problem of overcrowding at UT-Austin will be somewhat alleviated, but the process leading up to this is very long and will pose certain difficulties. He said he is concerned that as state universities work to gain tier-one status they may lose sight of their original missions and their student constituency, making prospective students choose not to enroll in the first place.

"We don't want to create a

system of UT-Austins," Reddick said. "Higher education institutions have typically come into being specifically to serve a part of the state or a population in the state that has previously not had access."

He said although more top

for research at UTSA, said the campus has focused on areas of research that have historically been its strengths.

"For an institution to recruit top-quality faculty and students, the key is to focus on a few areas that you are good at

veloped a vaccine for chlamydia that will soon come onto the market because of their partnership with Merck & Co. Inc., a multinational pharmaceutical company. More partnerships like this provide universities the chance to showcase their work, which is important to the advancement of the institution, Gracy said.

Through partnerships with Brooke Army Medical Center, the Institute for Cyber Security and CPS Energy, Gracy said UTSA will continue advancing its health and life sciences, information security and energy programs in its climb to top-tier status.

Reddick said the advancement will be a long process and will take a lot of time and commitment before UTSA and the three other UT campuses will qualify as tier-one universities.

"It's a very complicated issue, and it's going to take considerable time to figure out how that will look and work," he said.

"We don't want to create a system of UT-Austins."

— Richard Reddick, assistant professor in the Department of Educational Administration

research universities would give more students the opportunity to engage in research, it is not a desire every student shares. UTSA is advancing toward becoming a top research university while also working with students' interests in mind, he said.

Robert Gracy, vice president

or will become extremely good at," Gracy said. "None of the institutions can [become nationally competitive] without strong research partners."

Partnerships with other agencies and organizations allow the research to come to fruition in practical use. Researchers at UTSA recently de-

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communities that have no voice in SG and need one, deserve one and are asking for one," said Katie Wanamaker, Queer Students Agency director and a campaign manager for Parks and Kabir. "But we also have A-frames in front of the Fiji house."

Their aggressive reach for support has caused some to question their campaign ethics. The group held a number of "support meet-

ings" in December and January before the official campaign began Feb. 17. On Feb. 15, University-wide Rep. Alex Ferraro, a campaign manager for executive alliance Minator Azemi and Justin Stein, filed a complaint with the Election Supervisory Board claiming Parks and Kabir had violated the election code.

The board ruled they were guilty of distributing illegal materials in the form of a flier that named them as candidates at a

Dec. 7 meeting. They received a \$45 fine for the infraction. However, the board ruled that their meetings did not violate the code because they did not fit the official definition of campaigning, which requires that an event have the effect of soliciting votes. The team said they are glad their interpretation of the rules will allow for more student voice in the pre-campaign process.

"If someone thinks it's wrong that we met with 60 diverse stu-

dents, there is a problem with that," Kabir said. "There is a problem with only reaching out to students once a year [during elections]. Our platform came from students and from our values."

Parks said these same broad groups of students will continue to be an active part of their term if the duo is elected. One plan is to bridge the gap between students and the Legislature through more frequent and effective reports from SG about how it is responding to and communicating with the Legislature, as well as offering training so students can learn how to promote themselves.

"I'd like to create a set of blogs that each cover one issue," Parks said. "It would have a chronological record of what the media is saying, what [legislation] we're passing, what the state is passing. Students can get a broad perspective on the issues and jump in and be involved."

Their message of inclusivity, transparent government and optimism has got people talking, and with good reason, Kabir said.

"[The other] night a woman stopped me on the street and asked if I was running," Kabir said. "I said I was, and she said, 'I think what you're doing is a big deal.' To me, the big deal is that someone who has never been involved with SG knows we're running."

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Due to an editing error, Tuesday's page five story about the removal of a Debra Medina campaign sign from outside the Peter T. Flawn Academic Center misquoted Jeffery Graves, associate vice president for legal affairs. He should have been quoted as saying, "The University does not have a blanket prohibition of electioneering, or any other type of exercise of free speech related to political campaigns, outside the Flawn Academic Center while early voting is taking place." The Texan regrets the error.

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ENDORSEMENT

# Vote for Chavez-Thompson

In our endorsement for governor, the editorial board held to its commitment to backing candidates on the side of higher education, recommending that Republicans, Democrats and independents alike team to vote for Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison in the Republican primary to unseat a crooked, ineffective incumbent governor. We stand by that recommendation. Unfortunately, casting a vote in the Republican race won't allow you to get involved in the race for the powerful post of lieutenant governor, as Republican incumbent David Dewhurst is running unopposed.

For those who choose to forgo the high-profile governor's race on the Republican side in favor of the Democratic primary, featuring a contested lieutenant governor's race, we endorse Linda Chavez-Thompson.

Chavez-Thompson's inspirational life story makes up for her worrisome lack of institutionalized education. By the age of 10, Chavez-Thompson — one of seven children and the daughter of a sharecropper — was helping to support her family by picking cotton for 10 cents an hour. This experience clearly shaped her future political involvement: She has spent 40 years representing laborers, first as a secretary for a Lubbock labor union in the 1960s and most recently as the first female executive vice president of the national AFL-CIO, from which she retired in 2007. She has also served as vice chairwoman of the Democratic National Committee.

While we are concerned by both her lack of legislative work and personal experience in the higher education system, we favor Chavez-Thompson over her strongest competitor, Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle, in the three-way race.

Earle boasts a recognizable name as the attorney who prosecuted former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay and a long history of judicial work but, like Chavez-Thompson, lacks legislative experience, having only served briefly in the Texas Legislature nearly 40 years ago. His campaign has also shown less commitment to working toward fixing the problems facing state universities.

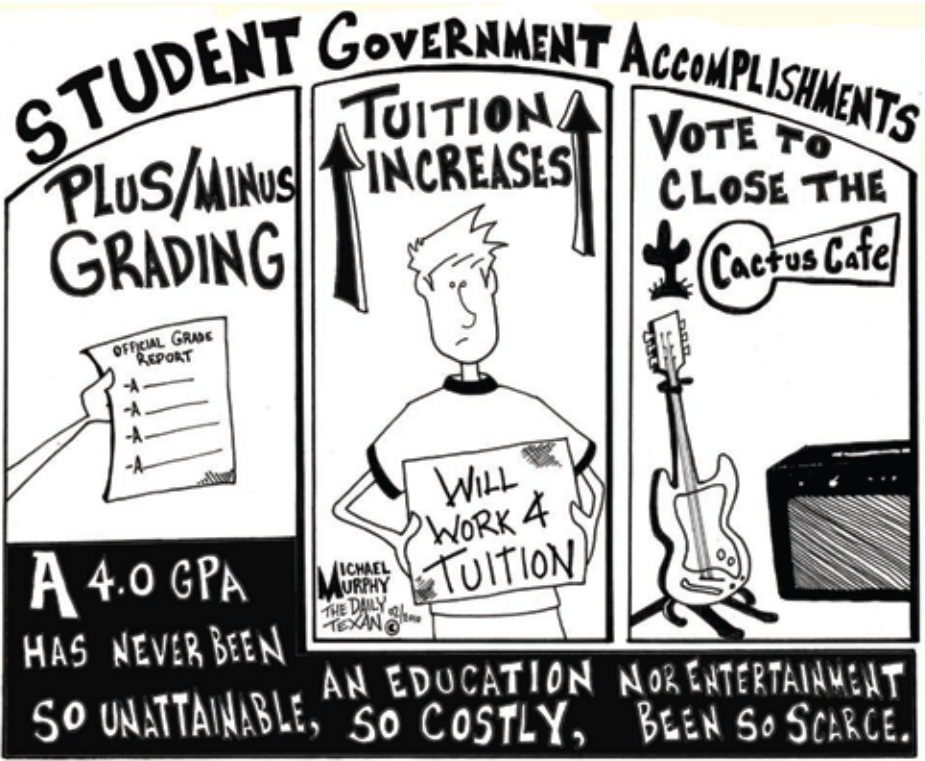
Marc Katz, the race's third candidate and owner of the famous Katz's Deli on Sixth Street, has largely served as a far-fetched diversion in a race dominated by two more impressive candidates.

Chavez-Thompson lends a unique personal background not commonly seen in elected officials in Texas. We're encouraged that a significant portion of the Texas population could finally see itself represented in a high-power Texas official.

Presiding over the state Senate, the lieutenant governor wields great force in the state. Though we're impressed by Earle, we recommend Chavez-Thompson, whom we'd like to see put up a good fight against Dewhurst in November.

— The editorial board

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The editorial board will be interviewing Student Government candidates this weekend in order to make endorsements. If you have a question for a candidate, send it to *editor@dailytexanonline.com*, and we will ask it and post the answer online. Our endorsements will be printed on the first day of voting, March 2.

# Navigating the complex Cactus Cafe controversy

A metamorphosis is in motion, and we're facing either sanctioned, institutional Botox or a legitimate reconsideration of the purpose and feasibility of a beloved campus staple.

We have found ourselves in a triangle of scrumming opinions. The more this triangle of perspectives — students, locals, Texas Union officials — trucks forward with blinders, the messier the outcome.

With more than a half-decade of firsthand experience in all three camps, we're uniquely qualified to attempt diplomacy. As the last six successive chairs of the Student Events Center's Music and Entertainment Committee, we've each spent full-time hours laboring in the Union's fourth floor, managing \$80,000-plus annual budgets, leading a student committee with more than 50 active members, programming shows and, more pertinently, attending weekly executive cabinet meetings alongside the same people under which this decision was made.

The Cactus continuing its historic setting as the state's finest acoustic room is a hopeful outcome. But we simply cannot approach the cafe as a romanticized time capsule. It must be looked at under the same fiscal rationality as any other club in town and under the same constraints as any other department on campus.

By any honest appraisal, the venue is not conducive to a functioning club operating six nights a week. A \$66,000 hemorrhaging leaves no other conclusion. It's a cash-only establishment that closely resembles a coffeehouse, except it serves terrible coffee. It's a bar on campus unable to market itself as a bar on campus because it's a bar on campus.

One fringe vein of music is represented, and even then this decade expired without

the Cafe nurturing any rising, local genre talents. The fact that Iron & Wine, Joanna Newsom, Bon Iver and Fleet Foxes led a national revival in folk among the younger generation from roughly 2005-2008 and the state's premier hub for traveling roots rock failed to bid for a number of bills that escaped downtown is unacceptable.

Simple math shows that if bands are getting paid \$5,000 per night — the typical amount for a band performing in the cafe — in a 150-capacity room, the venue would need to sell out at \$34 a head to break even. Any Cactus Cafe patron knows \$30-plus tickets are not common. Raising prices and overpromoting the bar are bad ideas, but what about dropping band payments or door-percentage deals? Evidence seems to indicate there are ways of making the cafe work for the Union's budget. The real question is, if the Cactus Cafe had been profitable, would it have been cut anyway?

Officials chose the axe instead of the scalpel, which is what caused so much public outcry. Some students have been motivated to act, but most shrug. Meanwhile, Union officials will set forth a plan to re-purpose the cafe as a general open room in the Union under the oversight of an assumedly passionate, involved student group. In effect, they would borrow credibility from a trusted brand name they had absolutely no part building.

Our committee has co-sponsored numerous events with the cafe, and talks of a sub-committee working to create programs for students had surfaced at times. But every year, committee members (i.e. the biggest music geeks on campus) failed to produce momentum needed to create student interest in the cafe. This isn't to say the cafe is of no use to

students. Consider Jack Tuggle, a co-signer and former committee chair. Tuggle spent his undergraduate years bartending at the cafe while learning the ins and outs of the music business from the ground level. A year after graduating, he found himself on the beaches of San Sebastian, Spain, mixing a band in front of 8,000 strong using the same techniques he learned in that little room.

There are fundamental lessons that can be taught to students involved with the cafe, but teaching them requires the leadership and experience of the current Cactus Cafe management as opposed to a group of business students.

Plenty have voiced their disapproval of master plans relating to the cafe, most from their respective corner of the argument.

Taking our experiences into account, we feel the most overlooked solution is the wisest: For the Cactus Cafe to operate with a full-time staff, a pipeline to student tastes, re-focused touring talent and a fair shake at fiscal success.

The Cactus is a living, breathing organism. While the walls speak to the spirits of Texas legend and the stage provides collective memory of songwriters past, it has never been a mausoleum. Patrons fill seats and performers instill silence in the awed crowds before them. Old friends share stories, new friends share pleasantries, the kindest staff in the world builds a living.

Before the Cactus is cut off life support, we need to at least consider bringing in the defibrillator.

*Taylor Steinberg, John Meller, Harrison Yeager, Ramon Ramirez, Jack Tuggle and Anna Bobkowska are the last six chairs of the Student Events Center's Music and Entertainment Committee.*

GALLERY



# Texas' unproductive lawsuit



By Emily Grubert  
Daily Texan Columnist

On Feb. 16, the state of Texas filed a lawsuit challenging the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's December finding that greenhouse gas emissions threaten public health and welfare.

In 2007, a landmark Supreme Court case, *Massachusetts v. EPA*, found that the EPA needed to study the likely impact of greenhouse gas emissions. If the balance of evidence suggested a threat to human health and public welfare — allowing an endangerment finding — the EPA would need to regulate greenhouse gases under the Clean Air Act.

I remember the beginnings of this case well. As an undergraduate in California, I often arrived at my air-pollution class to find my professor out of town, testifying on the health impacts of greenhouse gases. And let me be clear about my position right now: I, along with the Texas State Climatologist — and essentially all other scientists who study climate — agree that greenhouse gas emissions pose a real threat. I wish they didn't.

In the Texas lawsuit, Attorney General Greg Abbott cites recent controversy surrounding the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's report on the state of climate change science as reasoning to overturn the EPA's endangerment finding.

Most of the climate community maintains that the errors recently brought to light were unfortunate but that they do not discredit the entire field or its definitive conclusion that climate change is a real and present danger.

The Texas suit's charge that the lengthy, transparently conducted EPA review of the state of climate science be discounted because of isolated errors in one of its sources is, frankly, ridiculous. It is important to realize that the intergovernmental panel does not perform original research: It is a body that relies on unanimous international decisions and peer-reviewed literature from relevant fields. The conclusions in the report exist independently in the literature.

While the current controversy surrounds the fact that a footnote referred to an incorrect conclusion from a non-peer-reviewed source, that error is an exception to a rule.

I do not assert that it was the only error or that its presence does not matter. I do assert that Texas' claim that the EPA's results should be discarded is unfounded.

In the week since Texas issued its lawsuit, I've had trouble understanding why people aren't more upset by the premise of the challenge. Texas seems to be claiming that greenhouse gas emissions must not be unhealthy because if they are, Texas agriculture and energy production may become more expensive. Basically, it can't be unhealthy because I might make less money if it is.

Tobacco industry, anyone? Some have said Texas can't actually expect to win this lawsuit, noting that the EPA was careful and rigorous in its investigation. To win, Texas needs to prove first that it suffers immediate harm because of the endangerment finding, then that the EPA is actually wrong. I imagine you won't be surprised to hear that most "The EPA is wrong" arguments have been made over the past couple of years.

But climate science is politically charged for

now, and the more people hear about scandals in the intergovernmental panel and conflicting opinions on how greenhouse gas regulation will affect people, the more we reinforce the confusion and lack of action that plagues similar arguments.

It's not just Texas who's suing the EPA because it claims greenhouse gas regulation may hurt its economy. Virginia and Alabama submitted similar suits last Tuesday.

But 16 states and New York City have asked to intervene in the lawsuits as supporters of the EPA's endangerment finding, as they believe a reversal of the finding would hurt their states. That's the "Our people will be unhealthy if you say unhealthy things are fine" argument, and I'm more inclined to agree with that.

By suing the EPA over a finding that greenhouse gases endanger public health and welfare, Texas is doing nothing productive. Regulating greenhouse gases through the Clean Air Act — which is what the EPA is allowed to do — will likely be inefficient and should be avoided if possible.

But that doesn't mean I challenge the idea that greenhouse gases are unhealthy. It means I challenge lawmakers to develop a better way than the Clean Air Act to protect the public from their effects.

Texas officials, your methods are stale, and your arguments contradict what your own scientists say. If you're really worried about the financial health of your refineries, work with the federal government to craft more effective regulations instead of sticking your fingers in your ears and insisting that cigarettes don't cause cancer.

*Grubert is an energy and earth resources graduate student.*

THE FIRING LINE

A crucial difference between terrorist attacks

While I agree with David Colby's point in his Feb. 22 Firing Line that Joe Stack was a terrorist in the strictest definition, I do take issue with his attempt to associate Stack with chalkboard enthusiast Glenn Beck.

Perhaps Colby read Stack's suicide manifesto, perhaps not. In it, Stack refers to former President George W. Bush as a "puppet-president" surrounded by "cronies" and closes with an expansion of Marx's most famous slogan by writing, "The communist creed: From each according to his ability, to each according to his need. The capitalist creed: From each according to his gullibility, to each according to his greed."

Stack's fervent anti-government stance perhaps makes him seem in tune with Beck. However, if one actually examines his words, the attacks on Bush and adaptation of a communist slogan could suggest that Stack has watched "Countdown with Keith Olbermann" from time to time.

Also, it's worth pointing out that, as Colby suggests, Stack could have been a churchgoing Christian. However, I would say that it is highly doubtful that any pastors, priests, deacons or ministers encouraged and praised Stack in the aftermath of his attack, unlike Maj. Nadal Hassan, the man allegedly responsible for the Fort Hood shootings, who was in direct correspondence with the Islamist imam, Anwar Awlaki, prior to his rampage, and was later called a "hero" by Awlaki.

Furthermore, the Taliban promised more attacks like the one at Fort Hood in the near future. The seemingly direct comparison of an attack by a paranoid lone wolf living in a delusional world to jihadist attacks is a rather misguided attitude.

— Francis Arnoldo Vazquez Cruz  
Government junior

LEGALESE

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THROWIN’ IN THE SNOW

Ben Roberson throws a disc on the second hole of the Pease Park disc golf course on Tuesday. A snowy day and a free afternoon brought Roberson and his friends out to the park.



Peyton McGee  
Daily Texan Staff

CUTS: Officials look to slash budgets without sacrificing program quality

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several renovations and upgrades but will hold off on them for now.

UTEP will also be saving almost \$750,000 from standardizing temperatures in the buildings. Villa said with the exception of labs and high-use classrooms, all the buildings will have a fixed temperature in the summer months and a different fixed temperature in the winter months, as opposed to having individual thermostats for each room.

UT–Pan American hopes to save almost \$100,000 by cutting its Alternative Certification Program from its College of Ed-

ucation. The program provides internship experience in local K-12 schools to university students. UTPA’s budget cut plan cites the availability of private programs as its reason for cutting.

*UTEP will also be saving almost \$750,000 from standardizing temperatures in the buildings.*

The University of Texas at Brownsville — currently partnered with Texas Southmost College — indicated in their budget-reduction plan that they would have to cut back on their funding agreement with Southmost, which may impact normal maintenance operations.

Although cuts are being made throughout the UT System, UT-Austin will continue to carry the burden of the deepest reductions, given its larger budget.

NEWS BRIEFLY

Widow of plane crash victim sues Joseph Stack’s widow

AUSTIN — The widow of the Internal Revenue Service employee killed when a Texas man crashed his plane into the agency’s Austin office is suing the pilot’s widow.

Attorney Daniel Ross says the lawsuit against Sheryl Stack seeks to determine if the pilot left behind insurance policies or other assets.

Ross represents Valerie Hunter, whose 68-year-old husband Vernon Hunter was killed last week when authorities say Joseph Stack deliberately crashed his single-engine plane into the IRS office.

Joseph Stack left behind a lengthy anti-government Internet posting blaming the IRS for personal problems spanning decades.

The lawsuit filed Monday says Sheryl Stack should have warned others about her husband.

A message seeking comment was left Tuesday with a family spokesman for Sheryl Stack.

— The Associated Press

DELAY: Canceled meeting might seal fate of cafe

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John Woods, an author of the resolution and a cell and molecular biology graduate student, said in lieu of an official vote on the resolution, he would try to have representatives send in their support via e-mail to have an unofficial SG position to present to the board meeting.

Brown said this might have the same leverage as an officially endorsed resolution if it garners enough sponsors.

Still, Woods said he was frustrated that the meeting would not take place. He said representatives have not been recently responding to Student Government e-mails. Furthermore, sponsorship does not guarantee that a representative will actually vote for the resolution and “is in no way binding.”

“We have several issues with the [Student Events Center] proposal,” said Hayley Gillespie, an ecology, evolution and behavior graduate student who co-authored the Student Friends of the Cactus Cafe proposal. “Right now [the cafe is] open daily. There’s always someone behind the bar, serving coffee, pouring drinks. It takes a lot of work to run a live-music venue. The [Student Events Center] already does so much, and I don’t think it’s feasible that they will be able to host an event every night.”

The resolution would have supported the creation of an endowment to help fund the cafe if necessary. The non-profit group Friends of the Cactus Cafe also pledged financial support for a student internship program and artist-in-residence program.

SG President Liam O’Rourke, who is a member of the Union Board, said the board is going to consider both proposals in addition to all the input it has gathered before making its final recommendation to University management.



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# Speaker encourages big dreams

**By Collin Eaton**  
Daily Texan Staff

The golden rule in the current business world is to be in the red, but young entrepreneurs have the chance to change the old model of business, said Roy Spence, GSD&M Idea City co-founder and Distinguished UT Alumnus.

Spence grew up in Brownwood, Texas, and established his advertising agency in 1967 with his college friends. He is the originator of famous brands and slogans such as, “Don’t Mess with Texas,” “You Are Now Free to Move About the Country” and “What Starts Here Changes the World.”

“The campaigns which he produces are beyond famous,” said Surveen Singh, a Plan II and marketing junior. “What he creates is bigger than himself. I don’t think any kid would know [Spence’s]

name, but on the executive level everyone knows who he is.”

Spence spoke to students in an interview-style format at the VIP Distinguished Speaker Series, which was held in the Will C. Hogg Building on Tuesday. McCombs School of Business Dean Thomas Gilligan served as the moderator, and the McCombs Undergraduate Business Council sponsored the event.

Spence is also the CEO of The Purpose Institute, a consulting firm that helps other businesses fulfill their “purpose.” He said businesses have a social responsibility to apply the golden rule, not only to their customers but to their competitors as well.

“Here’s the old business model: You go out and make money, then when you get old enough you give some away,” he said.

Instead of focusing primarily on making money, Spence said

he wants young business people to invest in the idea of charity. The secret to his success, Spence said, was pursuing his dream.

“You don’t get burned out by doing what you love,” he said. “You get burned out by trying to be average at what you’re bad at. Spend your life becoming great at what you’re good at.”

When asked about what marketing campaign he would most like to work on, Spence said he would market “the miracle of America.”

“I would get America’s young people and create a revolution in small business,” he said. “Walt Disney said it best: If you can dream it, you can do it.”

The revolution in business may not be far off, he said.

“The Internet has democratized the ability to start a business. If you go to *elance.com*, you can get a logo for \$200,” he said.

“We charge \$5,000. You’re about to put us out of business, and I hope you do.”

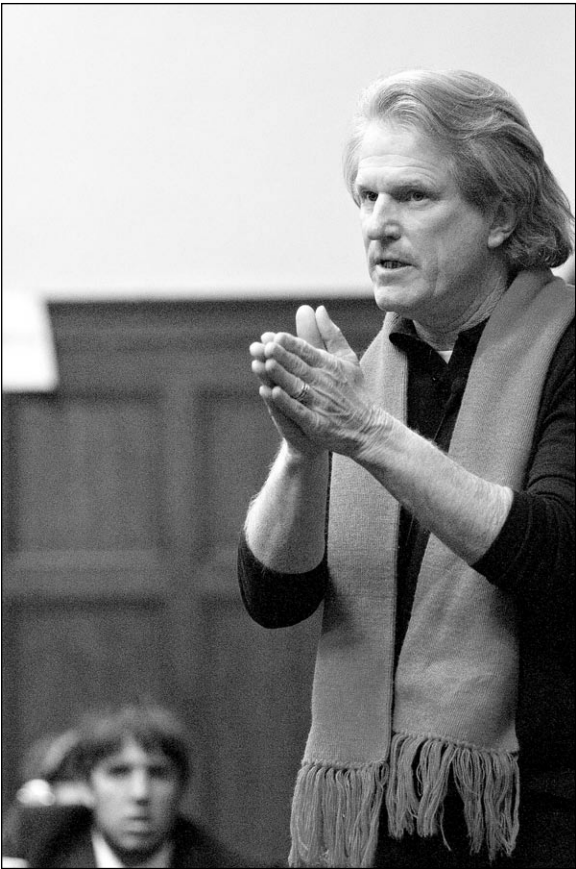
During a question-and-answer segment of the event, a student asked Spence what advice he would give a young entrepreneur in college who had little time and little money to produce his product.

“It’s tough love, but you need to carve out some time to study your dream,” Spence said.

He told the student to make a list of things he did during the day and eliminate the unimportant things in order to make time.

Danny Little, a management information systems senior, said he enjoyed Spence’s interview.

“He speaks with such a passion and such an energy,” Little said. “He inspires people to quit worrying about what they’re doing now and just trust in the way they were going down.”



Roy Spence, Distinguished UT Alumnus and GDS&M Idea City co-founder, speaks to students about the importance of young entrepreneurship and the golden rule in business. Spence, who coined famous slogans such as “Don’t Mess with Texas”, spoke as part of the VIP Distinguished Speaker Series.

Jordy Wagoner  
Daily Texan Staff

# Communication dean picks head for innovative program

**College intends to launch nation’s first sports media degree plan by fall 2011**

**By Aziza Musa**  
Daily Texan Staff

The Texas Program for Sports and Media, the first program of its kind in the nation, might have an executive director after a search committee selected an unnamed candidate.

The College of Communication announced The Texas Program for Sports and Media in December. Other universities, including Oklahoma State University, Pennsylvania State University and Indiana University, have programs that establish a connection between sports and reporting, but UT is the first to have an interdisciplinary program that includes all fields of media studies, such as advertising, public relations and journal-

ism, program manager Christopher Hart said.

The committee interviewed three candidates and recommended one person to College of Communication Dean Roderick Hart, who is also the program’s chairman. Criteria for choosing the candidate consisted of his or her vision for program development, outreach and fundraising. The dean, who will make the offer in a couple of days, could not disclose the name of the possible director, as an official offer has not been made.

The director’s job will include developing the specifics of the program, such as creating curriculums for new sports media courses, and reaching out to national and state figures to tell them about the program and solicit their help and cooperation.

The program will occur in two phases. The first phase, which was slated to take place from

2009 to 2012, focuses on hiring a director, bringing the Richard Pound Olympic Archives to the UT campus in an online form and raising funds and creating curriculums for classes categorized under the program. The second

“With the program still in its planning processes and development processes, it’s really cool to know that the students’ viewpoint is highly regarded.”

— Yoomi Park, Sophomore

phase, from 2012 to 2015, concentrates on strengthening the first phase’s objectives and creating an endowment to allow the program to be self-supporting as

it continues to grow, Christopher Hart said.

Despite these plans, officials do not yet know how much the program will cost, Christopher Hart said. He said the College of Communication received a gift

from an anonymous donor.

Along with the fundraising efforts, Christopher Hart and the program’s board of advisers developed other elements of the

plan, including the archives, a symposium, a publicity project and sports-related curriculums.

Program officials also created a sports publicity project, which will provide students with an opportunity to intern with large sports-related companies such as Host Communications and Nike.

The program is open to all ideas, including student opinions, pointing to the possible creation of a student-headed committee, Christopher Hart said. The college hosted an information session Friday to gather student input and will host more throughout the semester.

Roderick Hart said he expects the program to launch by the 2011-2012 academic school year.

“With the program still in its planning processes and development processes, it’s really cool to know that the students’ viewpoint is highly regarded,” said Yoomi Park, a radio-television-

film and pre-sports management sophomore. “They’re asking for what we think or for what we want to see because you know it is ultimately the students that want to be in the program that is going to help it grow.”

Christopher Hart said that the program needs student promotion. He said he has received some enthusiastic responses from the College of Communication faculty but that they, too, are just beginning to understand the new initiative. Since hiring new faculty members does not fall in-line with UT’s budget, program promotion should also target the college’s current professors, he said.

Christopher Hart said once he initiates contact with faculty members outside of the College of Communication, the next logical step is to engage them in the interdisciplinary dialogue by expanding the program to other colleges.

# Candidates for University Co-op Board of Directors



**Michael H. Walker**  
Place #1

**Qualifications and Skills**

**Education:**  
Major: Psychology (B.S.)/ English (B.A.). Minor: History

**Skills:**  
Painting (oil), I’ve been working on my portfolio so that I may apply for my B.A. Studio. I’m a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon (IFC) and APO, the service fraternity. I’ve also been a member of FACE AIDS and Best Buddies. I plan on living in a cooperative housing arrangement next year. Lastly, I’ve created a UT organization, Life Philosophies and Happiness Lectures.

**Experience:**  
Other than the aforementioned student organizations, in which I’ve always actively participated and sought leadership positions, I try to maintain an active social life. I like to be surrounded by people.

**Goals and Objectives**

1. More UT Campus Co-op sponsored events. I want the Co-op to give back and to cooperate.
2. Increased and more distributive funding for student organizations
3. To protect cooperative principles from pure profit margin and, at the same time, ensure the success of the Co-op so that it is able to give back to the students
4. Increased sensitivity to the cost of textbooks
5. Aid for independent Austin/UT businesses
6. Special aid (monetary and publicity) to volunteering organizations

**Personal Statement**

The Co-op needs students on the Board of Directors who are in touch with and can appreciate the many aspects of the UT life style. I believe that I am the candidate who can provide this to its fullest extent (refer: skills section). I have two goals: 1) ensure the principles of a ‘Cooperation’ by giving more of its 45 million dollars back to the students and 2) maintain the balance between the “Keep Austin weird” independent culture of UT and the growth of the University. I seek to remind the Co-op that it is not a business, it is a Cooperation.



**John M. Singleton**  
Place #2

**Qualifications and Skills**

**Education:**  
Biochemistry Pre-Med – College of Natural Sciences

**Skills:**  
Intelligent, Responsive and Extroverted

**Experience:**  
Medical Administrative Assistant – Piney Point Surgery Center/Houston Fertility Institute

- Assisted in developing business strategy in a changing Ambulatory Surgery Center market
- Gained valuable insight into the business side of medicine
- Surgical Orderly – PPSC/HFI
- Assisted a team of doctors and nurses to insure quick and efficient surgeries
- Assisted in patient transportation
- Gained valuable leadership and communication skills to work in a Medical environment.

Cigar Writer – Cigar Cigar!/Phoenixcigar.com

- Wrote articles, reviews, and blogs for a prominent cigar website.
- Worked retail and service
- Gained valuable networking experience and a solid business sense and know-how

**Goals and Objectives**

1. To decrease the price of Co-op products to current UT Students.
2. Keep to the highest standards of UT policy and practice
3. To bleed burnt orange until the day I die.
4. To uphold the honor and spirit of being a Longhorn.
5. To inform anyone who will listen, that no matter what time it is, OU still sucks!

**Personal Statement**

I walk into the Co-op and frequently find myself unable to afford much of what I want. The Co-op has become un-reachable for the current students, and I vow to make pricing for currently enrolled students fair and reasonable.



**Miles Liscum**  
Place #3

**Qualifications and Skills**

**Education:**  
McCombs School of Business, MIS Major - 3.8055 overall GPA

**Skills:**

- Excellent speaker and interpersonal communicator
- Analytical accounting and financial skills
- Basic computer systems design

**Experience:**

- Server for TX Land & Cattle
- Sales Representative for Miller Aquatics
- Organizing large group events from formals to group vacations

**Goals and Objectives**

1. Build Co-op rebates directly into pricing of textbooks to decrease prices.
2. Make sure student interests are actually heard.
3. Remind students that even on their worst days, they’re still better than Sooners!

**Personal Statement**

I love this University and the Co-op that serves it. It is my mission to try and make an excellent establishment that much better by having the voices of the students heard.



# Institute attempts to boost stem cell, embryo research

**By Radhika Sakalkale**  
Daily Texan Staff

The National Institutes of Health, or NIH, is proposing to expand the definition of embryonic stem cells to allow more researchers to qualify for grant money.

UT System schools, including UT-Southwestern, UT Health Science Center and M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, would be able to expand research on stem cells with the proposal's acceptance.

"The previous definition [of an embryonic stem cell] is an embryo derived from a mass called

types to be eligible for clinical trial work, Caldwell said.

Researching human embryonic cell lines was forbidden under the Bush administration, but President Barack Obama lifted the restrictions in December.

"The debate [during the Bush administration] was on whether we should work on embryonic stem cells or not," M. D. Anderson professor Hui-Kuan Lin said.

President Bush's decision to not allow research on embryonic stem cells provided lines that weren't viable for true human research, Caldwell said.

*"Bush was basically listening more to the ethical issues to the derivations of the cell lines and was close-minded to the scientific side."*

— **William Caldwell**  
CEO of Advanced Cell Technology Inc.

According to a statement released Friday from Lana Skirboll, director of the NIH Office of Science Policy, this change would not impact the ethical standards in human embryonic stem cell research but rather expand scientifically important sources of the cells that do not meet the current precise definition.

Embryonic stem cells can be made into any cell in the human body, which means they could eventually be used to combat any disease, said William Caldwell, CEO of Advanced Cell Technology Inc.

The NIH's revision of the definition allows more stem cell

research."

When Obama took office, he overturned the Bush presidential order, Caldwell said. He then left this issue to Congress and NIH, which broadened the cell types that could be used.

"Bush was basically listening more to the ethical issues to the derivations of the cell lines and was close-minded to the scientific side," Caldwell said. "[Bush's decision] allowed the other countries to move forward and develop technological process much faster than us, but this country can move on despite this issue."

# Red Line Rail chugs into station



**Amanda Martin** | Daily Texan Staff

Doug Allen, interim president and CEO of Capital Metro, discusses the anticipated March opening of the Capital MetroRail on Tuesday afternoon. Allen stressed the importance of rail safety education throughout the city.

## Officials put spotlight on safety while preparing for March test runs

**By Hannah Jones**  
Daily Texan Staff

After a two-year delay, Capital Metro's MetroRail Red Line will begin test runs March 1.

Officials say they expect the rail line to begin transporting passengers later that month.

Because of the delays in its opening, the Red Line has caused slight bus fare increases from 75 cents to \$1 and has run millions of dollars over budget.

In March, Cap Metro indefinitely delayed the production of the rail because of technical problems and federal safety violations.

Cap Metro has recently launched a rail safety program

and provided safety tips in order to prepare the public for the increased train traffic, including safety presentations at all school campuses within two miles of the Red Line tracks.

Cap Metro encourages pedestrians to cross tracks only at designated pedestrian or roadway crossings and to obey all warning signs and signals. The rail will run faster and quieter than regular freight trains, so it is important to alert the public about rail safety, said Doug Allen, Cap Metro interim president.

The MetroRail will run to and from Leander and downtown Austin, stopping at all nine sta-

tions. Officials have not set a specific date for when the rails will be ready for passengers.

The Red Line is currently the cheapest modern rail built in the country and is the third rail of its kind, Allen said. The passenger cars of the Red Line will look similar to those of light-rail equivalents, and the trains will run on the same track as freight trains.

Allen said the intention of the initial Red Line rail is to see how beneficial it can be to Austin and to provide more transportation options. He said the Martin Luther King Jr. Station should be beneficial to the University of Texas. The station will be located two to three

miles east of the University.

"The MetroRail will cost less than \$4 million per mile, which includes everything such as maintenance, stations and track," Allen said. "We are anticipating ... 1,000 to 1,500 riders a day."

Beginning Monday, the Federal Railroad Administration will be in Austin to observe and inspect the rail, Cap Metro spokesman Adam Shaivitz said.

Shaivitz said Capital Metro held a roundtable discussion Tuesday with the media to give an update on the status of the rail, provide "technical details" of the new rail line and "remind the public about safety."

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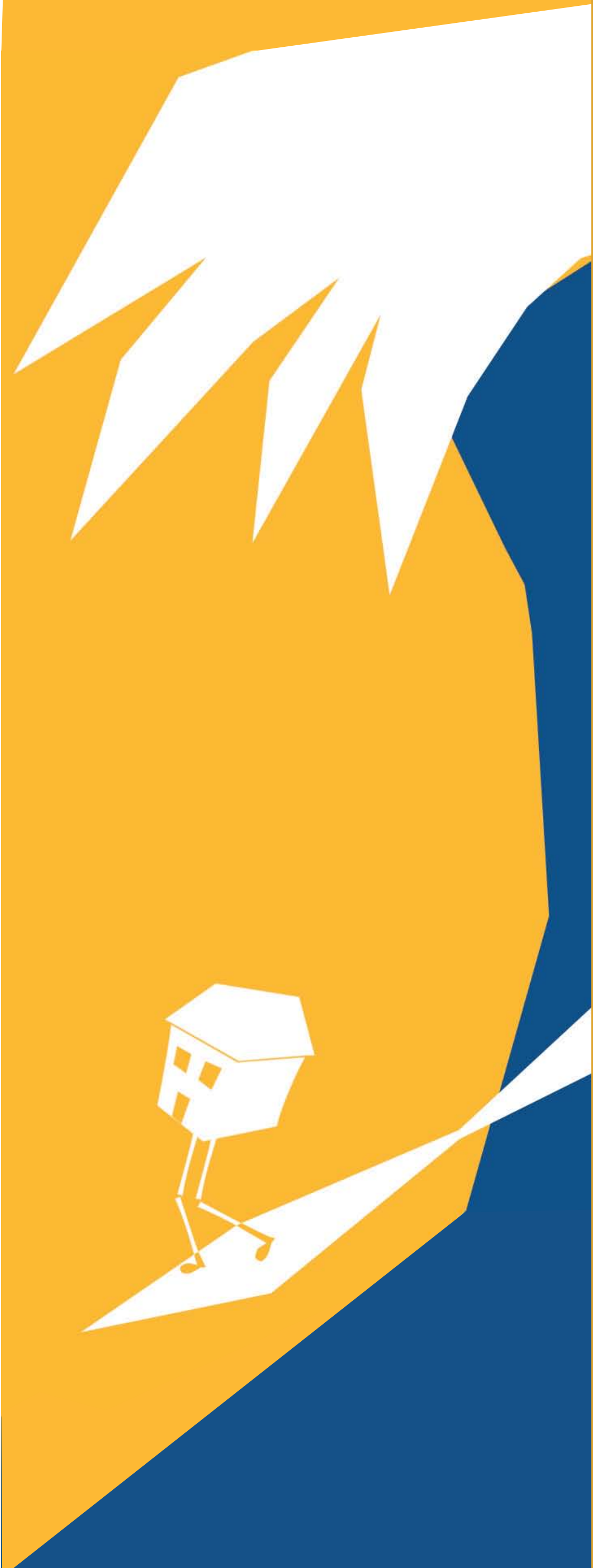
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Norway	6	5	6
Russian Fed.	3	4	6
Canada	6	4	1
Korea	5	4	1
Austria	4	3	3
France	2	3	5
Switzerland	6	0	2
Sweden	3	2	2
Netherlands	3	1	1
China	3	1	1
Poland	0	3	1
Italy	0	1	3
Slovakia	1	1	1
Czech Republic	1	0	2
Japan	0	1	2
Australia	1	1	0

NCAA Men's Top 25

No. 13 Georgetown 70  
Louisville 60

No. 4 Syracuse 99  
Providence 85

No. 6 Kansas State 83  
Texas Tech 64

No. 22 Northern Iowa 54  
Evansville 55

No. 17 Tennessee 62  
Florida 75

No. 12 New Mexico 72  
Colorado State 66

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Portland 102  
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Oklahoma City 102

LA Lakers 99  
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Golden State 102

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Germany 2  
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SPORTS BRIEFLY

Proctor & Gamble Co. unlikely to use Woods in commercials

CINCINNATI — The CEO of the Procter & Gamble Co. says he doesn't know whether golfer Tiger Woods will ever appear in another Gillette commercial.

Bob McDonald says P&G wishes Woods the best on his efforts to work on family issues, after Woods' public apology for infidelity last Friday.

"He doesn't need to be distracted by us using his advertising, and we don't need the distraction of us using the advertising, either," McDonald told The Associated Press.

Woods still appears online among the "Gillette Champions," but new commercials for a Gillette shaver and related products feature baseball's Derek Jeter and tennis' Roger Federer, but not Woods. The three were in Gillette's major advertising campaign last year.

Asked if Woods will be in future advertising, McDonald replied: "I don't know ... we've got lots of great spokespeople."

P&G unit Gillette signed Woods to a contract in 2007; Gillette officials decline to say its length and value.

— The Associated Press

MEN'S SWIMMING

Horns head to Big 12 Championship



Tamir Kalifa | Daily Texan Staff

Freshmen Austin Surhoff, left, and Nick D'Innocenzo, right, have shown a lot of promise for the Longhorns this season. The coaching staff is hoping that a solid performance from these two in the Big 12 Championship meet this week will be a preview of what's to come in the NCAA meet in a few weeks.

D'Innocenzo, Surhoff look to propel No. 1 Texas to 31st consecutive top-10 finish

By Manesh Upadhyaya  
Daily Texan Staff

The transition to the collegiate workload is usually a tough change for most freshmen. This shift in lifestyle is no different for Texas' swimming recruits.

Arriving at a university that prides itself on its swimming can be intimidating for freshmen. Led by renowned coach Eddie Reese, an eight-time NCAA Coach of the Year and three-time US Men's Olympic Swimming Team head coach, the No. 1 Longhorns (6-1) have amassed 30 consecutive top-10 finishes at the national championships and Big 12 Conference titles.

This year, Texas hopes to make it 31 with the conference championship beginning on Wednesday in College Station and the NCAA Championships a month away.

Leading the charge for the Longhorns will be a pair of talented freshmen who have conquered the challenges posed by college life so far this season. For freshman breaststroker Nick

D'Innocenzo, the most difficult adjustment he made to collegiate swimming was the one to his work ethic.

"The hardest thing was the training regimen. Working out here for two days was probably the equivalent of a week's worth of workout back home," D'Innocenzo said. "Just basing it off of how long it takes you to get torn down because we'll be exhausted by Tuesday, but the rest of the week should be fun."

D'Innocenzo is a promising pickup for Texas. In 2009 he became a member of the

**TODAY:** Men's and Women's Big 12 Championships

**WHERE:** Student Rec Center Natatorium, College Station

**WHEN:** 6 p.m.

senior U.S. National Team after being selected for the junior squad in 2008. At the 2009 U.S. National Championships, he

**SWIM** continues on page 2B

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Oklahoma State at No. 21 Texas

Freshman still finding himself at Texas

Bradley needs to find consistency to take his game to the next level

By Will Anderson  
Daily Texan Staff

It can be hard to impress Avery Bradley.

Last summer, the freshman joined fellow newcomers and returning players alike in early morning pickup games at Cool-ey Pavilion. Also in attendance were former Longhorns such as Kevin Durant, T.J. Ford and Royal Ivey, all current players in the NBA.

But playing with that talent didn't faze Bradley. It wasn't until weeks later, when he attended his first class at the University, that Bradley realized the monumental change that coming to the 40 Acres entailed.

"It really didn't hit me until I started going to class, started living the college life," Bradley said. "The basketball, it didn't make me feel different at all. I've been playing at such a high level for so long that it wasn't surprising to play with good competition like that."

After all, basketball is like second nature for Bradley. He has a competitive drive when it comes to the game that borders on obsession.

"He's just so locked in on what he does like. He saturates his life with that," said Mike Peck, who coached Bradley for one season at Findlay Prep in Nevada. "It's just how he's wired."



Sara Young | Daily Texan Staff

Freshman guard Avery Bradley looks for an under-the-basket layup earlier this season at home.

Bradley has few hobbies or outside passions; his fixation with the sport doesn't allow time for them.

"I'm boring," Bradley freely admitted. "I don't play video games or nothing. Just basketball."

Peck agreed, saying, "For

him, basketball and winning trump everything."

The 6-foot-2-inch freshman was born in Tacoma, Wash., and began playing at an early age. But he fell in love with the

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# BRADLEY: Dedication makes guard valuable for ailing Texas team

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Texas program while living in Arlington from 2001 to 2004. He moved back to Washington the summer before eighth grade and then attended Bel-larmine Preparatory, a Catholic high school with rich basketball and academic traditions. He transferred to Findlay in 2008 to focus on getting his grades up and preparing for the rigors of college.

Bradley remembers transforming, nearly overnight, from the darling of a few Pac-10 schools into one of the top recruits in the nation. By the end of his junior year of high school, he was ESPN's top-rated player and garnered the attention of major programs.

"I started receiving letters," Bradley said. "At first it was just West Coast schools, and then it was every school in the nation."

In the end, it came down to a choice between UCLA and Texas. The Bruins made a late push for Bradley, but in the end he chose to come to the school where, as a teenager, he watched Ford and the Longhorns advance to the Final Four.

Bradley started for the first time against Iowa in just his third collegiate appearance, and he scored 11 points and had two assists. Fast-forward to Big 12 play, and Bradley is second on the team with 14.6 points per game.

Bradley has transformed again, this time from a timid role player into a starter and the type of scoring threat many envisioned him becoming.

"We need Avery Bradley to score for us to be a good team," Texas coach Rick Barnes said recently. "If you look at what he's done on both ends of the court, I'm not sure there's a freshman in the country that's had a better

**TODAY:** Oklahoma State (19-7, 7-5 Big 12) at No. 21 Texas (21-6, 7-5 Big 12)

**WHERE:** Frank Erwin Center

**WHEN:** 8 p.m.

**ON AIR:** ESPN2

year than Avery."

Bradley is the only freshman to regularly start for Barnes and the only one to average double digits in scoring, yet he still has room to improve. He needs to make his scoring more consistent and less dependent upon his streaky 3-point shooting.

"I expect for him to be a consistent player this time of year," said guard Justin Mason, who shares the back court with Bradley. "I think he'll rise to that challenge."

And with the loss of point guard Dogus Balbay, who tore his left ACL against Tech on Saturday, the duty of marking up against opposing team's top players will fall exclusively to Bradley. The freshman has displayed remarkable length and agility while defending so far, but whether he can become the team's top defender while still producing on offense remains to be seen.

"I need to start talking more in the game, communicating on defense," Bradley said.

Bradley and the rest of the Longhorns take on Oklahoma State tonight at home. The last time the two teams met, Bradley finished with 10 points and three rebounds as Texas won by eight. But the Horns have lost three out of five games since then and slipped to fifth in the Big 12.

The two play at 8 p.m., and the game will be televised nationally on ESPN2.

**BASEBALL**  
Dallas Baptist at No. 3 Texas

# Horns look for competitive edge

**By Chris Tavarez**  
Daily Texan Staff

After dropping two of its first three games to lose its first series of the season, No. 3 Texas will have a chance to get that bad taste of out its mouth this afternoon.

But not before having to sit with it for an extra day.

Today's game against Dallas Baptist was postponed from Tuesday night to this afternoon at 3 p.m. because of the wintry weather. After coming out flat for the first weekend of the season, maybe the extra time was just what the doctor ordered for the former No. 1 team in the nation.

This game is especially important for head coach Augie Garrido after he watched his team lose its opening series.

"It's not how you play it when it's going well," Garrido said. "It's how you play it when you get crushed."

When Garrido saw Texas (1-2) blow a three-run lead to New Mexico on Saturday and then fail to take over once the Horns tied the game up on Sunday, he knew there was one thing his team had to focus on before suiting up against the Patriots (3-0).

**TODAY:** Dallas Baptist (3-0) at No. 3 Texas (1-2)

**WHERE:** UFCU Disch-Falk Field

**WHEN:** 3 p.m.

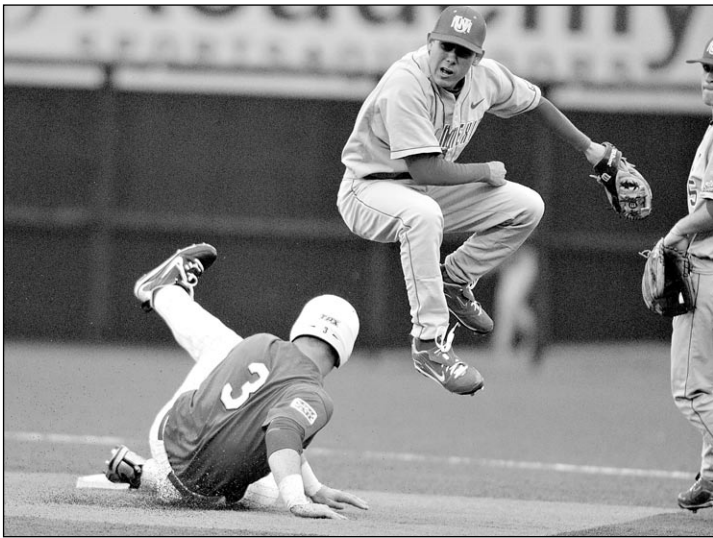
"What we found out was [New Mexico] had a stronger competitive edge than we have on ours," Garrido said. "I think what I see [in Texas] is a team badly in need of a competitive edge."

Maybe that day off, with the team itching to get back in the wins column, will have Texas more fired up than ever for the Patriots.

"You can never be too competitive," catcher Cameron Rupp said. "It doesn't matter what the score is or how much you're down by. You always have to get the job done."

The Horns hope that fire will come from starting pitcher Cole Green, who was pulled from the weekend series especially for the game against Dallas Baptist, which will be starting its ace, Chris Haney.

The Patriots pose an interesting threat to the Horns, who will also host No. 18 Stanford



Jeff Heimsath | Daily Texan Staff

**Junior catcher Cameron Rupp slides into a base against New Mexico. Texas will look to bounce back tonight after two weekend losses.**

later this week.

"Dallas Baptist will be very well-schooled and very well-coached," Garrido said. "They're not the recognizable powerhouses, but they have a very fine coach. They'll be fired up to play against us. Early in the year, everybody plays with no fear and very few negative emotions because not many bad things have happened to

them yet."

DBU has barely any negative thoughts entering this game since it swept its opening weekend series against UT-Arlington.

"We can't dwell on [those] two losses," third baseman Tant Shepherd said. "We know DBU is a good ball team. We have to give them our A-game and compete and not look forward to Stanford or anyone else."

# SWIM: Freshmen adjust in time for championships

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placed fifth in the 200 individual medley and ninth in the breaststroke.

Fellow freshman Austin Surhoff shares the same feeling toward the Longhorns' training.

"I came from a pretty solid program back home where we worked very hard every day, but one thing I was not prepared for was swimming with 35 dudes who give their heart and soul every day to the sport of swimming," Surhoff said. "So that amount of intensity definitely took some getting used to."

But Surhoff is no stranger to

higher-level athletics. His father, B.J., played professional baseball for the Baltimore Orioles, Milwaukee Brewers and Atlanta Braves. His father's career swinging a bat did not pass to his son's hands, but his father, along with his mother, Polly, who swam at North Carolina, encouraged him to take up swimming.

"My mom was a big-time swimmer back in the early '80s, and she decided that I needed to take swim lessons, and my dad dragged me kicking and screaming to a club swimming practice when I was 9," Surhoff said. "And the rest is history."

Assistant coach Kris Kubik says the Texas youngsters have been well-prepared this season

due to their extensive high school backgrounds and leadership from the upperclassmen.

"We've had phenomenal senior leadership from each of our seniors the entire year, not only in practicing and racing but in giving advice to our younger swimmers," Kubik said. "If you look at our freshman class, Nick D'Innocenzo was a very talented and accomplished swimmer when he arrived here, and we hope he continues to do that this season. We are using the conference meet as a stepping stone to get our freshmen incorporated into what's happening nationally."

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SPORTS BRIEFLY

Richards says Horns close to putting as a team, individually

Freshmen Madison Pressel and Desiree Dubreuil led the Longhorns to a 10th-place finish Tuesday at the Central District Invitational in Parrish, Fla. The team dropped from the ninth-place spot they held at the conclusion of day one after shooting a 17-over-par 300 on the final day of the tournament.

"I was pleased with most everything I saw on the golf course today," head coach Martha Richards said. "We're close to putting together complete rounds right now, not only as a team but also individually."

Pressel and Dubreuil finished tied for 19th with three round scores of 8-over-par 224. Pressel fired a 1-under-par 71 in the final round on a day where no balls from any golfer in the tournament seemed to be falling. Pressel's score was the second-best among all competitors on the second day, and it marked her lowest score in the spring season.

"She hit the ball pretty well yesterday, but she didn't make many putts," Richards said. "I really wanted to walk, watch and get a feel if some of the techniques we worked on yesterday were helping."

Sophomore Nicole Vandermade and freshman Haley Stephens shot for 14- and 15-over-pars, respectively.

The Longhorns have a two-week layover before heading to the UNLV Spring Invitational in Boulder City, Nev., on March 8.

— Shabab Siddiqui

Men's golf clinches first place in three-day Puerto Rico classic

After shuffling up different rotations for all seven tournaments this season, head golf coach John Fields has finally figured out the right combination of players for his team. With just the right mix of veteran upper-classmen and young talent, the Longhorns secured the Puerto Rico Classic title Tuesday, cruising through the three-day, 15-team field for their first team first-place finish since 2008.

The Horns were lead by freshman Cody Gribble, whose second-place finish was his fourth top-three finish in six starts this season.

"Obviously, Cody is a great young player," Fields said. "It was awesome, and his entire season has been as advertised. He played great golf from the start."

Texas held off No. 1 Oklahoma State, who finished in second place, thanks to a strong effort from the entire starting squad. Senior Charlie Holland capped a comeback day by finishing with a 4-under 68; sophomore Dylan Frittelli shot a season-low 5-under 67; junior Bobby Hudson turned in a 1-under 71; and senior Lance Lopez made even par for the day.

Overall, Texas placed three players in the top 10 of the tournament, a feat they hadn't accomplished in nearly two years. The Longhorns finished the tournament at 42 strokes under, a remarkable number considering the team's unfamiliarity with the course.

— Andy Lutz

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

No. 14 Texas at No. 23 Oklahoma State

Upcoming conference battles await Horns

By Sameer Bhuchar  
Daily Texan Staff

The Longhorns know that when a Big 12 team looks back for even a second, there is no moving forward.

"Losing to A&M will definitely motivate us, but we can't get too focused on losses," senior forward Kristen Nash said. "We can only build on that game. We've had good practices since. There is no room for dwelling on the past."

That is why the No. 14 Longhorns (19-7, 8-4 Big 12) will have to erase the embarrassing memory of Sunday's loss to the Aggies. Pushing forward, however, may not be as easy as it sounds. The schedule features a cluster of ranked Big 12 foes all vying for a top spot in the upcoming tournaments, starting with No. 23 Oklahoma State tonight in Stillwater, Okla.

The Cowgirls (18-8, 6-6) are playing with a large chip on their shoulder after dropping five straight games and 11 spots in the national standings. Despite this, Nash still expects the Cowgirls to come out firing.

"Our main focus will be holding off Andrea Riley on defense," Nash said. "She can put up a lot of points in a little amount of time. The last time we played them we won and we held [Riley] to a pretty decent game, which is crazy because she still played well. It will come down to containing her and not letting anyone else get hot."

While it is true that the Longhorns did win in their last meeting with Oklahoma State, considering Riley's performance to be "decent" is in fact a little bit "crazy." Riley, who scores a league best of 25.2 points per game, scored 31 points in a loss



Derek Stout | Daily Texan Staff

Kristen and Kathleen Nash huddle up with their teammates earlier this season before a home game. Tonight's game in Stillwater against Oklahoma State will have some important Big 12 implications.

ing effort against Texas. The key to that victory was stopping everyone else on the team.

On the other side of the ball, Texas will need more production out of its trio of scorers than it got against Texas A&M. While Brittaine Raven held up her end of the bargain with 17 points, Kathleen Nash and Ashleigh Fontennette, the two other members of the trio, combined for only 13 points. Nash's sev-

en points against A&M brought her to within one point of 1,000 career points. For Texas' sake, she will have to not only hit the grand mark against the Cowgirls but greatly surpass it.

For the Longhorns, a victory would have strong implications in the Big 12 standings. A victory would propel Texas back into a second-place tie in the conference with Oklahoma. However, with the Sooners' upcoming

game against the seemingly unstoppable No. 3 Nebraska Cornhuskers, the Longhorns may have a chance to hold that spot for good before facing Oklahoma again later in the season.

As tournament season inches closer, the Longhorns can no longer pick and choose their battles.

"We can't choose a tough upcoming game in this conference because they are all tough," Kris-

**TODAY:** No. 14 Texas (19-7, 8-4 Big 12) at No. 23 Oklahoma State (18-8, 6-6 Big 12)

**WHERE:** Gallagher-Iba Arena, Stillwater, Okla.

**WHEN:** 7 p.m.

ten Nash said. "Any team can surprise you. Any team can beat any team. We are just doing our part to stay focused for every game."

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Texas looks to dominate Big 12, Texas A&M

By Bri Thomas  
Daily Texan Staff

Though the Texas women's swimming and diving team does not host a Hex Rally before its matches with the Aggies, the tension still exists.

One year ago, Texas A&M faced Texas at the Big 12 Championships, and the meet's results were back and forth throughout the week.

"On the second day, A&M was winning, and our girls just underperformed," Texas coach Kim Brackin said. "By the third day,

though, we pulled out the win."

The win was Brackin's first in her four years at Texas, and this year, the No. 3 Longhorns and the No. 6 Aggies will be matching up again, along with the rest of the conference, at the Texas A&M Student Rec Center Natatorium in College Station at the 2010 Big 12 Championships. The meet runs from today until the finals on Saturday.

Texas has dominated the Big 12 since its inception, winning nine of the past 13 titles. But over time, A&M has stepped up and given

the Horns a little competition.

Nebraska and A&M have both claimed only two wins. Since 2000, Texas and Texas A&M have taken first and second place at the Big 12, with A&M only coming out on top in 2007 and 2008. The last time these two met up at College Station was in 2007, when the Longhorns came up a point short to the Aggies.

"A&M's had a big run, and they're the best team we've met," Brackin said. "Everyone on their scoring team is somewhat of a threat."

Jaele Patrick, a junior diver for Texas A&M, broke two school records Feb. 6 to help with the win over North Texas, a final tuneup before the Big 12 Championships. Patrick, a native of Australia, took control of the 1-meter dive after finishing with a 412.35 score and the 3-meter dive, with a 360.37.

A&M's Maria Sommer, ranked first in the 50-yard freestyle, and Kristen Heiss, ranked first in the 500-freestyle and 200-backstroke, are other Aggies to watch out for at this year's Big 12, as well as Beijing Olympian Julia

Wilkinson, who qualified first in the 100-freestyle, 200-freestyle, the 200-individual medley and the 100-backstroke.

Also against North Texas, all five Aggie divers became NCAA championship qualifiers, which will be take place in College Station March 12-14.

But the meet won't just be Texas versus A&M. The teams will have to compete with Iowa State, Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri, too.

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BASKETBALL COLUMN

Communication problems curse Brown's playing time



By Laken Litman  
Daily Texan Columnist

Consistency has become Rick Barnes' new favorite word. He especially likes to throw it around when explaining how his team lacks a whole lot of it.

The flow of basketball starts with the point guard, and Texas does not have a dependable one. And now with Dogus Balbay out for the season with a torn ACL, Barnes' search through his depth chart has become more monotonous.

Freshman J'Covan Brown, junior Jai Lucas and senior Justin Mason are the main candidates. Brown would appear to be the obvious frontrunner, given that he was recruited specifically to be Texas' starting point guard. Plus, he shoots 91 percent from the free-throw line and has arguably the best offensive skills on the team. But Barnes has not been impressed with Brown's attitude and inconsistency, and that's enough to keep him off the court.

So let's say you're Brown and you play a combined 56 minutes against Nebraska and Missouri, and then you play a total of five in the following game against Texas Tech. You'd be mad, right? You'd probably

have a hell of a practice the next few days to show coach he was wrong, right?

Well, Brown didn't appear to feel as surprised as one might expect.

"No, I was happy. Coach sent a message to me that we can win games without me. I didn't have to play the game," Brown said.

I would have thought that Brown's hungry inner-athlete would be furious with the way he was used just to shoot free throws against Tech. But I was proven wrong again.

"When I first got [to Texas], I never cared about starting," Brown said. "I would leave [Justin Mason] in the starting lineup if I were the coach. I'm just happy I coming off the bench and doing what I have to do."

When athletes come to play sports at Texas, they have the chance to improve their skills through prestigious programs in order to make a successful career professionally. So why would you just settle for a few minutes here and there? Why settle for coming off the bench when you could work up to a starting position?

It also appears that Brown still doesn't really understand his role in Barnes's game plan.

"Coach always says I play too loose," Brown said. "But I don't see where he's coming from, but I'm going to try to fix it."

If Brown doesn't know what

mistake he's making, how can he fix it? That's the problem. He needs to ask more questions. There is not enough communication going on behind the scenes of this basketball team.

Granted, Brown is a freshman, and it's just the nature of the beast for youngsters to be inconsistent. But then again, when you're a touted recruit who gets the chance to play for Texas, the inconsistency should probably come at a minimum.

Barnes explained that it's not just Brown or the freshmen who don't understand the game plan — it's everyone.

"I'm talking consistency from top to bottom," Barnes said. "I don't think our seniors have been consistent. You expect [freshmen] to be up and down a little bit, and you'd think they'd have it figured out by now, but you don't expect the seniors to be up and down."

At this point in the season, coaches would prefer to just be fine-tuning their teams as the postseason tournaments approach, but that's not the case for Barnes at all.

"You want to know what you are going to get every night," he said. "That's the one thing I think coaches want. You want to know what you can count on every single night. Are we at the point now where we have that? I mean, obviously the answer is no."

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NFL

# Peppers to become a free agent

**By Mike Cranston**  
The Associated Press  
CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Julius Peppers grew up in North Carolina, starred in college in the state and made five Pro Bowls in eight years with the Carolina Panthers.

Now, after a decision based on finances, Peppers is almost certainly leaving home and about to be the test case for how much NFL teams are willing to spend on an elite player in a season without a salary cap.

General manager Marty Hurney announced Tuesday the Panthers won't place the restrictive franchise tag on the team's career sacks leader for a second consecutive year at a cost of at least \$20.1 million.

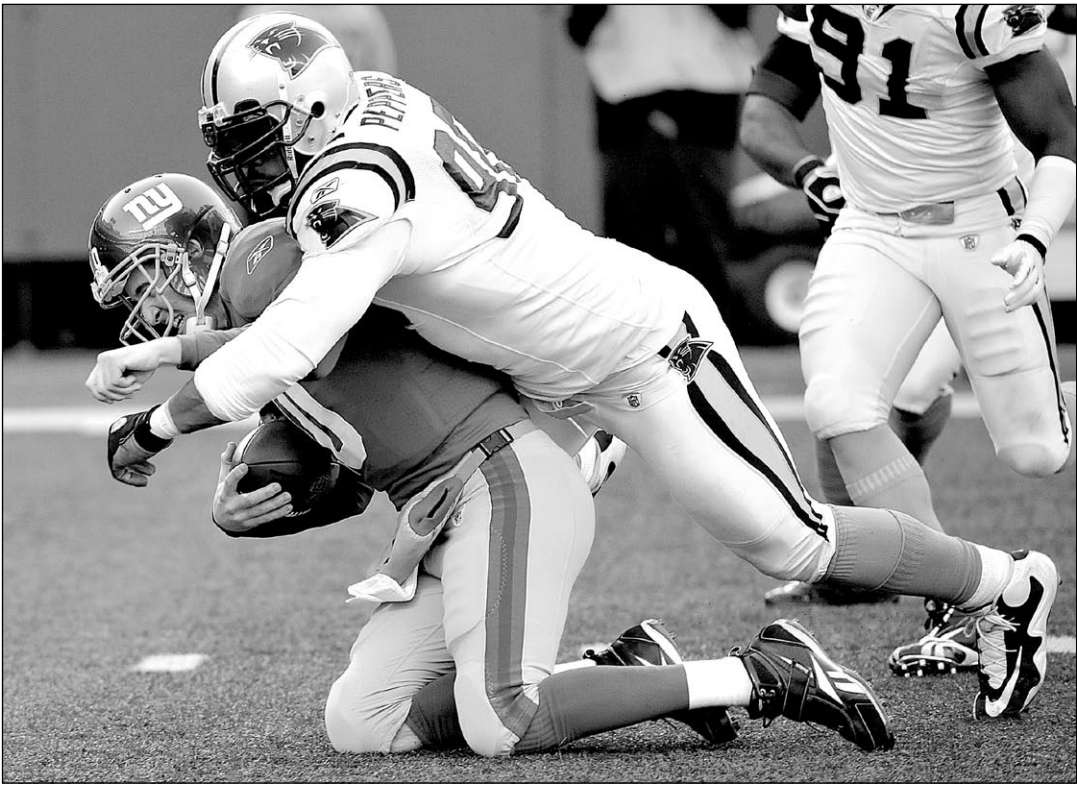
"With the magnitude of the contact, the tender that it would take to franchise him and how it fits into the big picture with our team, we made the decision to not franchise him," Hurney said. "Obviously, it's a very difficult decision because he's a tremendous player."

The 30-year-old Peppers will become an unrestricted free agent. Teams wanting a 6-foot-7 pass rusher with freakish athletic ability and questionable consistency can start the bidding on March 5.

"I feel good about having the opportunity to visit with other teams. My goal will be to find the right match for my skill set," Peppers said in a statement released by his agent, Carl Carey. "I am thankful for the eight seasons I have spent in the National Football League thus far and am looking forward to beginning this new phase of my career."

The decision ends an unpredictable and often rocky two years of negotiations, declarations and uncertainty for the Panthers and Peppers, the second overall pick in the 2002 draft out of North Carolina.

Peppers acknowledged in a radio interview this month that he turned down a contract offer after the 2007 season that would



Carolina defensive end Julius Peppers sacks New York quarterback Eli Manning last season.

have made him the NFL's highest-paid defensive player.

A year later, the Panthers ignored his public pleas to be allowed to leave in free agency and slapped him with the franchise tag and a one-year, \$16.7 million tender.

Peppers eventually began negotiating on a long-term contract. No deal was struck, however, and Peppers collected a salary cap-busting \$18.2 million in 2009, including a \$1.5 million bonus for making the Pro Bowl after recording 10 and a half sacks.

Using the franchise tag again would have meant a 20-percent raise, with a guaranteed base salary of \$20.1 million, not counting a \$1.5 million Pro Bowl bonus and \$250,000 for each playoff victory.

Even though there is scheduled to be no salary cap next season in the final year of the collective bargaining agreement, the Panthers decided against committing that much

money to one player with line-backer Thomas Davis, cornerback Richard Marshall and quarterback Matt Moore all to be restricted free agents.

"We franchised him last year in hopes of being able to get a multiyear contract done," Hurney said. "We made what I would term a very aggressive effort to do that and did not get it done."

"I think we have some very talented players, and their futures will have to be addressed at some point. All those factors come into play. It's a hard decision. It's one that we took time on."

While the Panthers could still sign Peppers in free agency, Hurney acknowledged that "when a player of Julius' caliber gets to this point, I think seldom does it happen that they return."

Added Carey: "He is excited about his future and looking forward to the process of selecting his next destination."

Peppers recorded 81 sacks in eight years with Carolina. But while he was recently voted to the NFL's all-decade team, he's also been criticized for seemingly disappearing at times in games.

It's under that scenario that Peppers becomes one of the biggest names to hit the open market in years — and the Panthers must contend with replacing a big hole on their defensive line.

"I don't think you ever replace Julius with one player," Hurney said.

Meanwhile, Peppers will test an uncertain market. New England, Philadelphia and Atlanta could make a run at Peppers, who was seeking about \$15 million a year from the Panthers in the past.

"He has had a very accomplished career thus far," Carey said, "but he is convinced that with this move he will thrive and develop fully into the player he was destined to become."

NFL

# After eight years, RB Westbrook is released by Eagles

**By Dan Gelston**  
The Associated Press  
PHILADELPHIA—Brian Westbrook was released Tuesday by the Philadelphia Eagles, ending an often-dynamic eight-year run that was marred by various injuries.

A former All-Pro, the 5-foot-10 Westbrook led the league in yards from scrimmage in 2007 with 2,104. He rushed for 1,333 yards and accounted for 12 touchdowns that season.

But he spent much of last season on the sidelines, missing eight games with a pair of concussions and an ankle injury. Westbrook had only two touchdowns in 2009.

He was due \$7.25 million next season.

Eagles coach Andy Reid said he called Westbrook with the news Tuesday morning. Reid said Westbrook should still have an opportunity to play for another team.

"Brian is one of the greatest Eagles of all time, and he is an even a better person and leader," Reid said. "In my mind, there has not been a more versatile running back that the NFL has seen."

Reid said he thinks Westbrook still wants to play.

## BIG 12: Championship meet comprised of excess talent

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For Iowa State, Jeli Nixt finished third in the 100-breaststroke last year in the Big 12, and Nan Liu is the one to watch in the 100-butterfly and 100-backstroke, as she sits in third and fourth in the conference. Dani Harris has a chance to make the finals in the 100-backstroke, 200-IM and 200-breaststroke, and Tien Tran earned All-Big 12 honors on all 3 diving boards last season.

Kansas has won its last seven dual meets, with Iuliia Kuzhil leading the pack in the backstroke. Monica Johannessen, Joy Bunting and Shannon Garlie are also contenders, while senior diver Meg Proehl has met NCAA qualifying standards in the 1- and 3-meter.

Missouri's women are led by Colleen Gordon, Kim Jasmer and Lauren Lavigna, as the team strives to improve their third place of last year. Jordan Morcom, who

has led their diving team, has a high chance to place in all three diving events.

Nebraska, who finished sixth in the Big 12, is using seniors Mariah Hutchinson in the freestyle and the butterfly, Kaitlin Arntz — a breaststroke competitor — and divers D'Arcy Schmidt and Kaitlan Walker to work its way up this year.

Athletes to watch for from Texas include sophomore Leah Gingrich, ranked first in the 1,000- and 1,650-freestyle, as well as the 400-individual, and Kathleen Hersey, one of the Longhorns' Beijing Olympians, who will likely come out on top in the 100- and 200-butterfly.

The Big 12 Championships will begin Wednesday with the women's 200-medley, followed by the men's 1-meter diving. The women's 800-free will conclude day one as the teams prepare for challenging days Thursday through Saturday.

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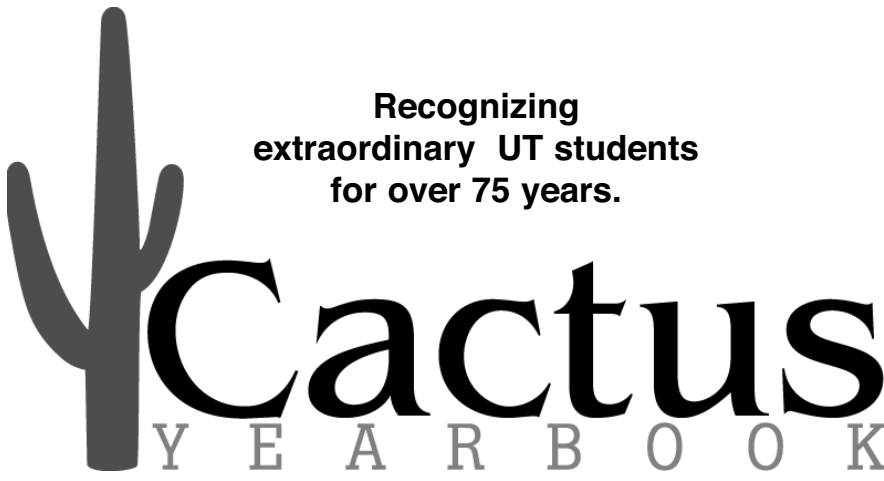
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# From sunshine to snow flakes



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Sociology junior Herman De La Trinidad sculpts a snowball to pelt at a friend in front of the Jester Center on Tuesday afternoon.

Students revel in weather despite potential hazards

**By Collin Eaton**  
Daily Texan Staff

Two days after Austinites basked in Sunday's summerlike weather, snowflakes and ice fell on University students Tuesday as they walked on slippery concrete between classes and took photos of tiny snowmen.

Temperatures in the low 30s followed Sunday's sunny 76-degree weather. This swift change is not unusual for Texas, said Troy Kimmel, a senior geography and environment lecturer.

"Anytime you're sitting in the mid-latitudes — and we're sitting about 30 degrees north latitude — you have the potential of seeing these wild mood swings in weather," Kimmel said. "Across Texas yesterday, we saw 70s along the Rio Grande, but at the same time it was in the 20s in the Panhandle."

The last time a significant amount of snow fell in the city was on Feb. 12, 2004. The Camp Mabry military base in Austin reported 1.6 inches of snow that day. The record for Austin is 9.7 inches, measured on Nov. 11, 1937, Kimmel said.

Capital Metro did not cut back services Tuesday, but it may reduce express routes Wednesday morning, Cap Metro spokeswoman Erica McKewen said. The last time Capital Metro curtailed service due to

deteriorating weather was in January 2007. According to a story in the Jan. 17, 2007 issue of The Daily Texan, UT cancelled classes for two and a half days because of inclement weather.

According to an e-mail alert, the UT shuttles will delay service until 9 a.m. today because of inclement weather.

"I think tomorrow morning is going to be tricky for the first couple of hours, but by 10 a.m. everything will be clear," Kimmel said. "The good news is once the sun comes up tomorrow it'll be over a mostly clear sky, and we'll warm up above freezing by 9 a.m. or 10 a.m."

Despite the potentially dangerous effects on road conditions, some students enjoyed the brisk, snowy weather.

"The falling snow is about an eight out of 10 on a scale of awesome," said Stephanie Appell, a radio-television-film graduate student who grew up with Boston's snowy winters. "The thing about snow in Boston is that as soon as it starts falling, we're out there in giant armies with salt and fleets of snowplows. Here you just kind of let it sit on the sidewalk until it goes away."

According to a campus-wide e-mail alert, classes will be delayed until 10 a.m. today.



Rene Huynh | Daily Texan Staff

Left, Jian Wu gestures at the "lab snowman" he and his plant biology friends created. Above, sociology senior D'wayne Bell marvels at the amount of snow falling in Austin, which has been previously known to only produce barely-there flurries.



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By DAVID OUELLET

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BRYDE'S WHALE

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**Across**

1 Stingy

5 Phrenologists read them

10 Not shut all the way

14 What to call a crown

15 Chris with the 1991 hit "Wicked Game"

16 Common mixer

17 Roofless home

18 It creates a small vacuum

20 Personal account

21 "Now I see!"

22 Art buyers' worries

23 Parts of double-blind trials

28 Baby sitter's bane

29 Where flocks feed

30 Word unlikely to end a sentence

33 Sauce prepared in a mortar

36 Daughter of Laban, in the Bible

37 1856 Stowe novel

38 Aspirant's motto ... or, phonetically, what 18-, 23-, 47- and 57-Across each consist of

41 Clancy hero

42 Gives succor to

43 Clear, as a loan

44 Salt

45 Contralto James

46 Elusive swimmer

47 What national banks oversee

53 Not too ...

55 Tapped-out message, often

56 Reach the end

57 Chinese menu option

**Down**

1 Rachel Maddow's network

2 Children's song refrain

3 Flame blame, sometimes

4 Post-tax amount

5 King's neighbor

6 Fully expected

7 OS X runner

8 Too rehearsed

9 Perform a wedeln, e.g.

10 No problem at all

11 Guy's means of support

12 Literally, "by two"

13 They often include samples

19 "The Sum ..." (Russell Crowe movie)

21 Hard wear?

24 Nashville-based athlete

25 Actresses Farrell and Jackson

26 Goes from cover to cover

27 Kailua Bay's setting

31 Vengeful goddess

32 Swirl

33 Left to the captain?

34 Popular singer born in County Donegal

35 Overrun

36 Body that's not the clergy

37 Harp (on)

39 Fruit growing at an oasis

40 Gets ready

45 Opposite of exo-

46 Heroic poem

48 Frequently

49 Take over

50 Western potato

51 Large duck

52 Run-down

53 Cash-free transaction

54 Modeled

58 Grp. that meets in the Situation Room

59 Upscale hotel offering

60 Bathroom item

61 Cry before "You're it!"

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But snakes are scary!

THAT'S WHY YOU HAVE THE GUN!

Wouldn't it be more efficient to just...

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**STORY OF MY LIFE**

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hahahahahahaha

Gosh, you are so funny!

So, uh...

You wanna go out sometime?

Oh, Peggy...

I'm sorry...

I don't like girls...

THEY'RE ALWAYS MUPPETS!

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MONEY?

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**No.**

By: Katie C.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LU.

WHY SO BLUE, LU?

IS IT BECAUSE YOU THINK I FORGOT YOUR BIRTHDAY?



STORY: Actors reproduce silent film-era ambience

**From page 8B**

the silent era long before that, though. After a walk down an alleyway, audience members open their suitcases to find vintage accessories to wear.

“We wanted to get people into a different tonal environment. [The clothing change and walk bring] you into a world of silence,” Wills said. “And everyone loves digging through a suitcase that isn’t theirs.”

Outside of the setting’s ambience, the acting successfully emulates the feeling of the 1920s. Adriene Mishler, who plays the girl and is a The@re

Ranch producer, said the actors try to imitate the movies shot by the quivering camera of older films by making their own movements choppy.

“We were trying to walk on a tightrope of theatre and old silent film, constantly moving like the screen is shaking the whole time,” she said. “We usually think about the neck up when it comes to acting, but here it’s the full body experience to tell the story.”

The physicality in their acting, the setting, the vintage men’s reporter hat in my suitcase and the music made for an entertaining venture into the world of silent movies.

IDENTITY: Student balances her Christianity, sexuality

**From page 8B**

wait until I was in a very serious relationship,” Victoria said.

During her sophomore year, Victoria met Matthew, and after a long period where kissing was the erotic activity of choice, the two decided to have sex.

“Emotionally, the experience was really strong,” Victoria said. “Especially because it didn’t physically work out how I had imagined. It hurt a lot. Afterward [Matthew’s] overall goal was to make me as comfortable as possible, and that was exactly the connection that I wanted to go along with [sex]. I couldn’t have asked it to go any other way. Even though it didn’t play out how it does in the movies, it was

still important, and I wouldn’t change that.”

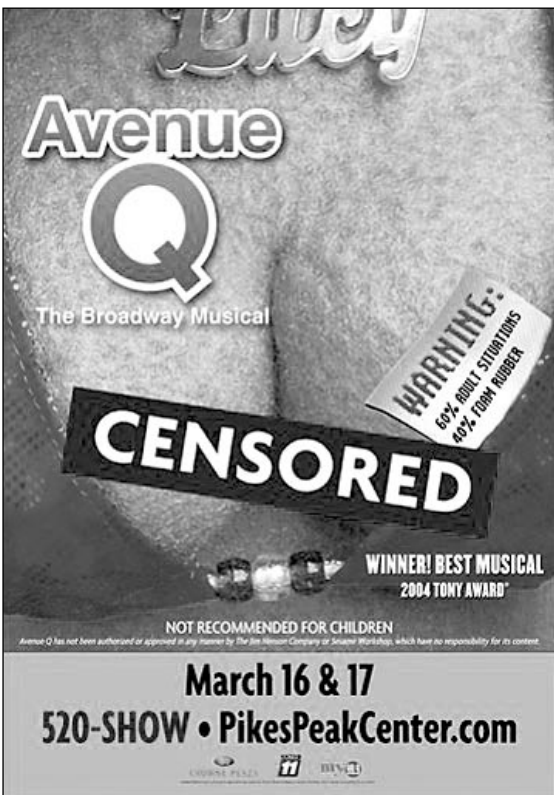
It is undeniable that Victoria has changed since she graduated from high school. Victoria said she does not feel detached from her family or faith because of her decision to have sex. For her, sex is not what defines her, her faith or her life.

“I’m very happy with all of my decisions,” Victoria said. “It was complicated at times for me to decide if [sex] was right for me or should I not do it. But I learned that this process is different for everyone. [And] for me, this is how it worked out, and I wouldn’t have it any other way. For anyone who does want to stay a virgin, then I [applaud] them, but I wouldn’t define them by it.”

Puppet cleavage sparks conflict

Puppet cleavage has been ruled out for advertising posters in Colorado Springs, Colo., bus shelters. The poster has been replaced by one showing the face of another puppet from the Tony-winning musical “Avenue Q.”

Courtesy of The Associated Press/ NewSpace Entertainment



COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Puppet cleavage has been ruled out for advertisements in Colorado Springs bus shelters. Lamar Advertising rejected posters for a traveling production of the Broadway show “Avenue Q” because they show the cleavage of a fuzzy pink puppet.

Lamar account executive Jeff Moore says the company takes a

conservative approach in the city, where some conservative Christian groups have their headquarters.

The poster has been replaced by one showing the face of another puppet.

“Avenue Q” is a Tony-winning musical about 20-something New Yorkers, both humans and puppets, searching for life and love.

— The Associated Press



Rachel Taylor | Daily Texan Staff

David, Annis and Amy Rose look at Maggie Hanus’ homemade soap at A Wild Soap Bar. Hanus and Hollie Mulhaupt, founder of Texas Natural Supply, both encourage aspiring soap makers to start with simple recipes and exercise caution in handling chemicals.

CLEAN: Soap makers enjoy natural benefits

**From page 8B**

soap making is similar to cooking. All of the ingredients — lye, water, essential oils and other natural ingredients to give the soap scent and texture — are mixed together, allowed to cure, cut into hand-sized bars and left to dry for two to six weeks. This is the general idea: an oversimplification of a process that involves very careful measuring, mixing and waiting.

“Soap making seems overwhelming and intimidating, but it’s a lot easier than you think it is,” Mulhaupt said.

She and fellow Austin soap maker, or “soap bar tender,” Maggie Hanus both recommend that

those interested keep it simple.

“Start with a simple soap, using oils available at the grocery store,” Hanus said. “You just have to start practicing and practicing.”

Hanus, of A Wild Soap Bar, a small family-owned soap-making business just east of Austin, started making soap in 1999.

“I like to learn to make things: pressed flowers, jewelry, print-making,” she said. She settled on soap because it pays better.

A Wild Soap Bar’s soaps are sold at Whole Foods, Central Market and certain H-E-B stores. Hanus also organizes the local Austin Soapers group, a quarterly meeting of people interested in talking about soap making. The group consists of around 20 members and

meets four times a year to discuss soaps they’ve made, exchange recipes and talk about techniques.

“The majority of soap makers in our group are hobbyists,” Hanus says. “We have people who make soap strictly for their own use, soap for their friends and family, soap to sell on the side and full-time soap makers.”

The group meets at Central Market Cafe on North Lamar. The next meeting is on May 11 at 6:30 p.m. and anybody can attend.

Both Hanus and Mulhaupt recommend “The Soapmaker’s Companion” by Susan Miller Cavitch to soap makers of any level.

“It’s basically the soap maker’s bible,” Mulhaupt says.

And while recipes and demon-

strations online are plentiful, Hanus said that “you have to be careful about what you use because some recipes are not very good.”

Mulhaupt recommends *soapcalc.net*, a comprehensive Web site with both information about soap making and a recipe calculator which allows you to input ingredients you want to use and produces an exact recipe.

Those interested in starting should know that they’re going to have about seven pounds of soap on their hands at the reasonable cost of \$15 to \$20. While that may sound like a lot, Mulhaupt says soap makes a great gift.

“Before you know it, your friends will be hounding you for more” she said.

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medications on your own at home, and come in and know it’s a long process,” Christopher said.

Anonymous Donor said her experience began with a screening process that required her to submit a handful of photos of herself from infancy to the age of about 15. That way, the recipients can get an idea of what their prospective child might look like. Donors also must stick to a strict regimen of medicine and hormone injections throughout the main portion of their cycle.

“You have to be able to give yourself shots,” Anonymous Donor said. “You only have to take about two to three weeks of shots. Right now I’m on my first week. Then, after the third week, you start the donating process.”

A handful of lifestyle restrictions also accompany a donor during her cycle, including abstaining from drug use and smoking. The clinic also strongly advises donors to abstain from having sex while taking the medications and hormones.

“They tell you not to have sex because there’s the concern that you could have a whole litter of

babies when your eggs are growing like that,” Anonymous Donor said.

According to the Texas Fertility Center’s Web site, the egg retrieval procedure is as follows: An anesthesiologist provides light IV sedation while a physician performs the retrieval by passing a thin needle under ultrasound guidance through the vaginal wall into your ovary and aspirating the fluid containing the egg from each follicle. The procedure takes no more than 20 to 30 minutes, after which the donor rests for about 30 minutes to an hour.

“The first time, it was painful, but that was because I had gotten sick from the anesthesia, and

I threw up,” Anonymous Donor said.

The second time she donated, she asked for an anti-nausea medication and said she experienced no further pain during the surgery. But nausea hasn’t been the only obstacle she has dealt with. During her second cycle, she got back together with an ex-boyfriend who had strong feelings about the procedure.

“When I told him, he was not happy, not happy whatsoever,” she said. “It was exactly what I had anticipated from other people, and that’s why I didn’t want to say anything. He felt like I was basically going to have a baby out there somewhere.”

But Anonymous Donor said she

has never regretted her decisions. Though she became involved in egg donation for monetary motives, she now also feels strongly about helping parents who desperately desire a child of their own.

“Originally it was to pay off loans,” she said. “But when I got picked, it became something different. You really were helping someone have a baby. The compensation is great, but knowing you’re helping someone is really great.”

In a period where jobs are scarce and the prospect of \$5,000 is alluring, Anonymous Donor provided advice for women considering donating their eggs.

“I think if you do your research and read up on everything, I would say go for it. It’s a safe and easy process,” she said. “It’s just so reassuring for me to go in [the center] and see couples that so obviously want to have babies and know I’m there because I want to help someone have one.”

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Adriene Mishler, left, and Westen Borghesi perform in "Silent Stage, A Live Action Silent Film," a silent play by The@re Ranch.

## Silence tells classic 1920s story

By Victoria Heckenlaible  
Daily Texan Staff

My ticket to the play "Silent Stage, A Live Action Silent Film" read "secret location," with directions to an address-less place in the middle of Travis Heights.

I found myself nervously walking toward the entrance of a very dark alleyway with two lanterns and two people waving me forward. When I reached them, I was greeted with a suitcase and a sign telling me to take the suitcase and follow other members of the audience down a mysterious alley.

"Silent Stage" is performed by The@re Ranch and is based on silent movies of the 1920s. The play includes only hot jazz piano music written and performed by Reese Gray as the backdrop for a completely voiceless performance.

"We are all fans of the 1920s," said Dustin Wills, an actor and producer for The@re Ranch. "We had the props lying around, a piano player staying with us and a giant picture window, so we just thought we should do [a silent play]."

From this thought, the play took three weeks to set up:

one week of talking and two weeks of writing and practicing through improvisation and composition-working.

The classic storyline follows a small-town girl who travels to Little Italy in New York City. Her troubles start when she picks up the wrong suitcase and finds money, a gun and a black cocktail dress. The girl then falls in with a con artist only to find her future love, a spaghetti street vendor.

Though classic in performance, the story drags in the beginning and ends a bit abruptly. It seems that many

**WHAT:** Silent Stage, A Live Action Silent Film

**WHERE:** Secret location printed on tickets

**WHEN:** Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 25-28, at 8 p.m.

**TICKETS:** \$15

**WEB:** [www.silentstage.eventbrite.com](http://www.silentstage.eventbrite.com)

of the initial scenes are just there to acclimate the audience to the atmosphere.

The audience transitions into

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## Egg donations aid childless couples, pay student loans

By Audrey Campbell  
Daily Texan Staff

A few strands of shiny blond hair fell across her forehead as she recalled her weekend — running the Austin marathon, getting a post-marathon pedicure and taking her Yorkshire terrier to the vet. She is a typical young woman, living and working in Austin, who also happens to be an egg donor.

Two years ago, at 27, she was working, attending college and trying to pay off student loans. In need of money and encouraged by a friend, Anonymous Donor contacted the Texas Fertility Center to find out about donating her eggs to couples trying to have a baby.

"Originally, it was very much financially driven," she explained. "I needed to pay off school loans, and a friend of mine worked for a gynecologist and said I should look into it."

The donor is now 29 and going through her third cycle as an egg donor. But she is certainly not the first to resort to egg donation to make money. In fact, more and more young women are looking to their ovaries in hopes of making money. The donor said the Texas Fertility Center pays each donor a flat amount of \$5,000 upon completion of the cycle.

In the past year, Time magazine, CBS News and USA Today have all run stories discussing the link between a worsening economy and a growing number of women willing to donate. According to a 2006 study — the most recent data available — from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately 15,500 donated eggs are transferred to infertile women each year.

"I definitely have [seen an in-

crease in donors], especially with the initial screenings," said Billie Christopher, a nurse at the Texas Fertility Center. "That paperwork comes through a lot more often, and there has been a more diverse crowd since the economy dropped."

Even so, Christopher said most of those applications do not make it through the center's donor screening process, which consists of a physical screening, a psychological evaluation and testing for genetic disorders and infectious diseases.

But a select few do go on and are listed in the center's donor database. Anonymous Donor is one of them. She has been chosen three times, never knowing who the recipient parents are or even whether or not the procedure will be successful.

"You just get paid for completion," she said. "They do tell you how many eggs they took out, but they can't tell you whether it was successful or not. Because this is completely anonymous — you're basically giving up your rights if it does become successful. But I always hope it's successful, just for the parents' sake."

Though the success of the treatment cannot be guaranteed, prospective parents put down between \$23,000 and \$25,000 in the hope of becoming pregnant. Christopher emphasized how important it is that donors are 100 percent sure they want to go through with the procedure.

"They need to know that it's not going to be a one-office-appointment type deal. It's a lengthy process where we expect you [to] take

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## Sex embraced in college identity



By Mary Lingwall

When I asked Victoria to describe her sex life to me, she laughed and said, "I don't know, I'm pretty traditional, but I like it."

Victoria has no interest in porn — she experimented once with masturbation, but didn't like it — and she prefers sex to be as much an emotional act as a physical one. But despite preconceived notions about people on the more conservative spectrum, Victoria made it clear to me her self-identified traditional sexual lifestyle has nothing to do with repression. Rather, it is based on choice.

When I met Victoria at her apartment, I quickly noticed a stack of Ezra Pound poetry on her bedside table next to an equally large framed photograph of her family. Pound's per-

sonal controversies and intellectual experimentation seemed out of place juxtaposed against the smiling faces of a suburban, church-going family.

But after learning about Victoria's traditional, Christian background and her ever-evolving views on sexuality, it became apparent that she has learned to balance her personal convictions and loyalty to her family's conservative lifestyle in a way that mirrors the accoutrements of her bedside table. For Victoria, I quickly learned, sex is something she has been able to accept as a healthy facet of the traditional identity that she embraces.

When Victoria graduated from high school, she was firmly convinced sex was a bad thing that she did not want to participate in.

"Being from such a conservative family and having gone to a parochial elementary school, it was just ingrained in me that sex was something people did, but good people didn't do it until marriage," she said.

But when Victoria moved into a UT dorm three years ago, it didn't take her long to decide

her views on sexuality were in the minority.

"In college, I definitely realized that just about everybody had had sex except me," Victoria said. "I was open about [being a] virgin, but it was very awkward. At first it was like, OK, I'm just different, and then slowly the anxiety started building and building, and it went from a good thing to a bad thing for me very quickly."

Anxiety was a bigger player in Victoria's decision not to have sex, rather than peer or societal pressures. And after a short romantic relationship with an older student, she quickly discovered that she didn't want to explore her sexuality through short-term relationships defined more by physical attraction than emotional connection.

As time progressed, Victoria decided sex was something she wanted. But her desire for sex was less about physical satisfaction than emotional satisfaction.

"Deciding to have sex was a big deal for me, and I wanted to

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## Homemade soap bars clean up nicely

By Susannah Jacob  
Daily Texan Staff

In the past decade or so, homemade soaps and the craft of soap making have seen a surge in popularity.

The Internet has made recipes and methods for making soap at home more accessible; homemade soaps appear more frequently in boutiques and natural food stores; and homemade soaps are touted as a natural alternative to the big-brand soaps traditionally found on grocery store shelves, which contain synthetic chemicals and few natural ingredients.

Most seasoned soap makers, however, say the best part of soap making is the feeling of self-sufficiency one gets from the finished product, which average around seven pounds of usable, customized bar soap per batch.

While a lot of information about soap making is available online, Austin is rich in local resources available to the aspiring

soap maker.

Hollie Mulhaupt, owner and founder of one of the large, local suppliers of soap-making ingredients, Texas Natural Supply, likens the traditional soap products available on grocery store shelves to "laundry detergent."

Mulhaupt, who began making her own soap in 2003 and opened Texas Natural Supply in 2005, became interested in all-natural bath products as a result of her focus on traditional Chinese medicine, which "emphasizes that what you put into your body is what counts." She said she realized what is put on your skin is as equally important as what you eat. Mulhaupt started to make natural bath products on her own with a special interest in soap making.

Texas Natural Supply is one of many suppliers where you can buy the ingredients to make soap: sodium hydroxide (lye), essential oils, spices, soap molds, pigments and hundreds of other supplies

used in process. And while there are seemingly unlimited products to buy, beginner soap makers need only a handful of them, most of which are fairly inexpensive and can be bought at a grocery store. Sodium hydroxide is the central ingredient.

"You don't have real soap unless you have lye," Mulhaupt said.

Lye is the primary ingredient in lye-based soaps. When mixed with water, a chemical reaction occurs, and this creates the base of any lye-based soap. It should be said that lye is a caustic chemical before it is mixed with the other ingredients and hard to acquire — it isn't available in your local grocery store. However, by taking precautions and doing a little bit of pricing online, lye can be acquired, and, when used safely, can really make a difference in the quality of soap you make and use.

Beyond the careful use of lye,

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